

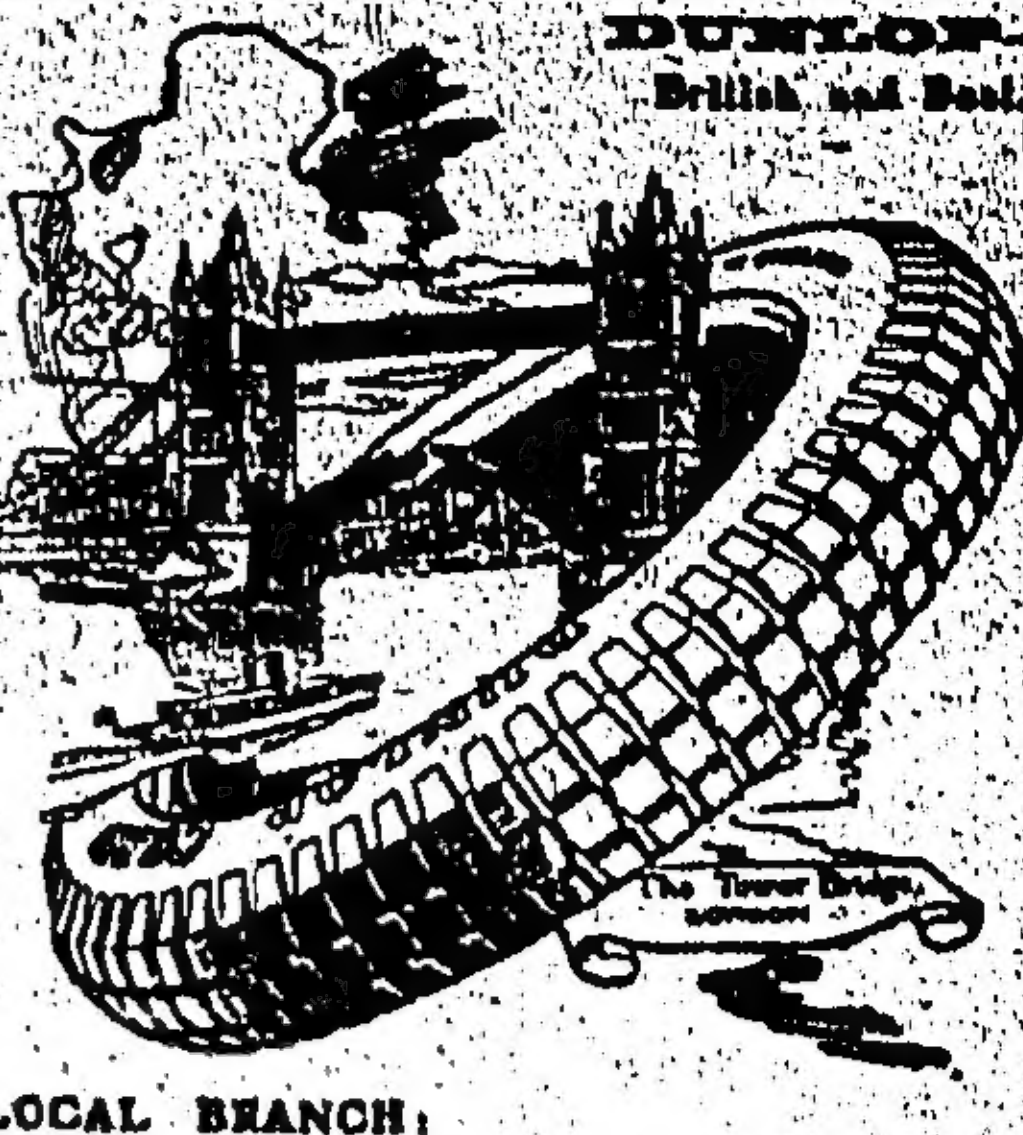
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SEVERE SLUMP IN SILVER VALUE.

TAEL DOWN TO RECORD LOW LEVEL.

HONGKONG DOLLAR DECLINES IN SYMPATHY.

SHANGHAI PANICKY.

Shanghai, Jan. 7.
The Shanghai Exchange Market is growing increasingly panicky following another heavy drop in the value of the tael.
For the first time in the history of the silver market, the tael yesterday declined to the unprecedented low level of one shilling and elevenpence three-farthings, which represents a fall of nearly twopence in a week.
Banking and financial circles predict a further depression in silver values.

Economic Reaction.

It is also feared that the disastrous slump will result in a devastating reaction on the economic structure of China.
The depression is attributed to a dual factor, the political situation in China, and the large accumulations of silver in the vaults at Shanghai.
China appears to have dropped entirely out of the market as a purchaser of silver for monetary purposes, and has played a large part in the remarkable slump.

A Year's Slump.

The tael has dropped nearly 8d. in value to the past year while silver was quoted at 25.6/16th on January 4th, 1929, and 21.5/16th on December 31st, 1929.

The table below gives the exchange rates for telegraphic transfer for the whole of 1929 at intervals of approximately a fortnight:—

1929	
Jan. 4	2/7 1/2
Jan. 17	2/7
Feb. 1	2/6 3/4
Feb. 15	2/6 1/2
Mar. 1	2/6 1/4
Mar. 15	2/6 1/2
Mar. 28	2/6 1/16
Apr. 5	2/6 3/4
Apr. 19	2/6
Apr. 26	2/6 1/2
May 3	2/6 1/2
May 18	2/6 1/4
May 31	2/4 3/4
June 14	2/4 1/2
June 28	2/4
July 5	2/4
July 19	2/4 1/4
Aug. 2	2/4 1/4
Aug. 16	2/4 1/4
Aug. 30	2/4 1/4
Sept. 13	2/4 3/4
Sept. 27	2/4 3/4
Oct. 11	2/2 1/2
Oct. 25	2/2 1/2
Nov. 8	2/2 1/2
Nov. 22	2/2 1/2
Nov. 29	2/2 1/2
Dec. 13	2/2 1/2
Dec. 27	2/1 1/2
Jan. 6, 1930	1/11 3/4

—Our Own Correspondent.

Hongkong Dollars.

The rate of the dollar on demand in Hongkong this morning opened at 1/6.13/16ths, as compared with a rate of 1/7.5/16ths yesterday, representing a drop of 3/8ths of a penny in twenty-four hours.
The future rate will depend upon the price of silver and will probably depreciate. It will change in sympathy with the tael.
Hongkong has experienced a more rapid slump than Shanghai.

Ad. In Three Months.

In September, the dollar was quoted at 1/11.3/16ths, a drop of 4.3/8ths having occurred in a period of little over three months.
Meanwhile, a serious situation has arisen in Mexico as a result of the slump in prices of raw silver at New York and in other world markets. The President of the National Mining Chamber has predicted that 7,000 miners will be unemployed in three months if the quotation does not improve.

On failing to appear before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning to answer a charge of boarding the Yau-mat Ferry Man Chung, by company, a young Chinese, described as an officer, had his bail of \$5 attached.

EDITOR, NOT AN INJUNCTION.

AMUSING OBJECTION TO A WRIT FOR LIBEL.

THE SHOWDOWN AGAIN

Shanghai, Jan. 7.
A libel action which promises to furnish a *cause celebre* began in an unusual and somewhat amusing manner in the Supreme Court yesterday when Mr. Bruce Lockhart, the publisher and editor of *The Showdown*, applied for the withdrawal of the writ for libel issued against him by Mr. McBain.

The defendant based his application on the phraseology of the writ. It concluded with the words: "The *Showdown*, of which defendant is editor and publisher and an injunction."

Mr. Bruce Lockhart contended that he was not an injunction but an editor.

Judge King declined the application and characterised the objection as frivolous because it was merely a matter of punctuation. He gave an order for pleadings.

It will be recalled that Mr. Bruce Lockhart was fined some months back for comments made in the *Showdown* in reference to certain proceedings in the Provisional Court.—Our Own Correspondent.

AMERICAN MOTOR EXHIBITION.

EIGHT-CYLINDER THE CAR FOR 1930.

NEW CHASSIS MODELS.

New York, Jan. 7.
Many thousands daily are attending the annual National Automobile Show which is being held in the Grand Central Palace.

The show indicates that 1930 will be a year of eight-cylinder cars and increased prices.

Over a score of new chassis models are exhibited, half of which are eight-cylinder types.

The new models are generally more powerful with greater acceleration and hill-climbing ability. They are also designed with a view to providing greater comfort. Brakes are more reliable, more stylish body lines have been introduced and the bodies are more luxuriously furnished.

Dr. Julius Klein, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce, in a statement, points out that the British Dominions offer excellent markets for American motor vehicles.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RECENT AEROPLANE COLLISION.

FILM DIRECTOR'S BODY RECOVERED.

Santa Monica, Jan. 6.
Naval divers have recovered the bodies of Mr. Kenneth Hawkes, the well-known film director, and Lasso Thomas Harris, studio property man, who were amongst those who lost their lives when two planes collided three miles from land and plunged into the sea three days ago.
It will be recalled that the machines were engaged in the production of a film entitled "Such Men Are Dangerous." In all, ten lives were lost. Three bodies were recovered almost immediately.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BOOTLEGGING EVILS IN WASHINGTON.

NO WORSE THAN ANYWHERE ELSE, SAYS JURY.

Washington, Jan. 6.
After an extraordinary three months' session with the special inquiry into the alleged bootlegging evils of Washington, a Federal Grand Jury has reported that the United States capital is not the vice-ridden lawless community it has been pictured.
They found that conditions in the Capital are not worse than anywhere else.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SWIMMING BATH FOR Y.M.C.A.

EXCELLENT SCHEME IN CONTEMPLATION.

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF KOWLOON BUILDING.

LARGE SUM INVOLVED.

The first swimming bath in the Colony will result, if a scheme approved by the Board of Directors of the Hongkong European Y.M.C.A. is passed at a general meeting of members on January 15 next.

Interviewed this morning, the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. (Mr. J. H. Hunt) stated that until the measure is approved by members, it is still more or less in the air. He pointed out, however, that the scheme has been thoroughly well thought out and that it should not fail to pass the general meeting.

Two-Storey Extension.

The plan also includes additional dining accommodation and will be more or less an extension of the present dining rooms in the shape of a two-storey structure, the ground floor of which will be utilised as a swimming bath, and the upper floor as a dining room and social hall. Plans have, it is understood, been prepared and will be submitted to the meeting.

With regard to the bath itself, there is little doubt that it will be one of the finest in the East, and certainly the best in Hongkong.

Estimated Cost.

Exactly what cost will be involved by the proposed extension is not yet known, but it is believed to be in the vicinity of \$50,000.

While the structural details are not at this stage available, it is believed that the bath will be modelled on similar lines to that of the Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai. Ample dressing accommodation will be available, while provision will be made for an adjacent gymnasium.

Venue for Carnivals.

Seating accommodation will also be prepared for a large number of persons, so as to make provision for swimming carnivals and other aquatic functions.
The social hall above will be entered through the main vestibule of the present building, and will be quite separate from the bath. This will be used for the usual social functions of the Y.M.C.A., while a handsome stage will be provided for amateur dramatics, etc.

It can be safely assumed that the motion will receive the support of members, and that it will not be long before the bath is a fait accompli.

BITTER PROHIBITION CONTROVERSY.

LIVELY CONGRESS ASSEMBLY IN PROSPECT.

Washington, Jan. 6.
Faced with an uncompleted tariff bill, a bitter controversy over the operation of the Prohibition Laws, and a host of other questions that may necessitate their continuing work until well into the summer, Congress re-assembled to-day after the recess.

The Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives approved the Estimates of the War Department for the coming year. They total \$343,000,000, an increase of \$442,000 as compared with the current financial year, which closes on June 30th.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE COTTON MARKET AT LIVERPOOL.

TIGHTENING UP RULES OF ASSOCIATION.

Liverpool, Jan. 6.
The Liverpool Cotton Association have directed that new rules shall be drafted to provide that on cotton sold on spot terms, payment shall be made either in bankers' acceptances or by cash in exchange for deliveries ordered.—*Reuter.*

FASTEST FIGHTER IN THE WORLD.

NEW PLANES INTRODUCED INTO R.A.F.

AND NOT MERE RACERS

London, Jan. 6.

New Service machines of a high flying speed have been introduced to-day into the Royal Air Force. They are a direct result of the experience gained by British machines in the Schneider trophy competition, and it is declared that they justify the risks and the very large expenditure involved in those competitions.

The engines used in the British machines which broke the world's speed record in the contest over the Solent last year, and the streamlined designs that were adopted for those machines, have been incorporated in the new fighting machines with noteworthy success.

In 1925, America gained the world's record for Service machines at what was then re-

NEW TYPE OF SUICIDE CLUB PLANNED.

Novel Association For Shanghai.

TO HELP THE NEEDY.

Shanghai, Jan. 7.
A most remarkable project is contemplated by Mr. Wang Tsao-chiu, the owner of the Great World Amusement Resort in Shanghai.

Mr. Wang is expected to be sponsoring an Association, the qualification for which will be that the prospective members have at some time or other in their lives attempted suicide.

The project of the institution is to provide financial and medical aid to unfortunates.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

garded as the phenomenal speed of one hundred and seventy-seven miles per hour.

For some time past, the British Royal Air Force has had in service a large number of Bristol Bulldog machines, which have a speed in excess of this. The Bristol Bulldog machines, moreover, are not mere racers but carry the full equipment of a fighting plane.

The machines now being put into service, mark a further advance and are claimed to be easily superior in performance to any machine "produced" abroad.—*British Wireless.*

YOUTH ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

A PLUCKY RESCUE BY FERRY SEAMAN.

An attempt by a Chinese named Chiu Cheung-chaw, aged 19, to commit suicide by throwing himself from a steam launch into the harbour yesterday, was frustrated by the plucky action of Leung Tsang-yau, a seaman on board the ferry launch Man Shun, who dived into the water and effected a rescue. Chiu was taken to the Government Civil Hospital in an exhausted condition and detained for treatment.

The lad lived at Yau-mat and made the attempt on his life whilst crossing the harbour to Hongkong.

BIG BRITISH STEEL COMBINE.

TWO IMPORTANT CONCERNS IN RATIONALISATION.

London, Jan. 6.
A further step in the rationalisation of the heavy industries of Great Britain is indicated by the announcement made to-day that a company is to be formed to take over and operate the coke-ovens, blast furnaces, steel works, and heavy rolling mills of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefold, and Messrs. Baldwin's Limited, two of the largest steel manufacturing concerns in the British Isles.
The combined paid-up capital of the two firms is in the neighbourhood of £15,000,000.—*Reuter.*

KOWLOON RENTAL DISPUTE.

EUROPEAN SUED BY LANDLADY.

CLAIM WHICH FAILED OWING TO LEGAL SHORTCOMING.

INTERESTING POINT.

A claim for \$302, balance of rent due for No. 1, Hart Avenue, Kowloon, against Mr. J. T. Dobbie, of the *China Mail*, heard in the Summary Court this morning before the Punesse Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) failed by reason of the plaintiff, Mrs. Marjory P. S. Lee, No. 49, Elgin Street, failing to fulfil a legal requirement.

His Lordship delivered an interesting judgment in favour of the defendant, in the course of which he remarked that his sympathy was almost wholly with plaintiff, who might have fulfilled the required condition had she been legally advised.

Plaintiff stated that she was the owner of the house and entered into a tenancy agreement with Mr. Dobbie for a period of not less than one year which commenced on May 1, 1928, the rental being \$125 per month. Mr. Dobbie moved out at the end of September, 1928, and from that date until April 30, 1929, when the agreement expired, he had paid no rent.

Plaintiff referred to correspondence which is dealt with in the judgment, and went on to say that the house was occupied by other tenants in October, November and December, but was vacant during January and February, 1929. She claimed \$125 rent for January and February, and \$50 in respect of March and April during which two months tenants paid only \$100 a month, plus \$2 for advertising the house.

Not Cancelled.

Replying to Mr. Dobbie, plaintiff said she did not agree that the tenancy agreement should be cancelled, and she did not ask Mr. Dobbie to leave.

Replying to his Worship, plaintiff said that if subsequent tenants had paid \$150 rent, she would have given back the extra \$25 to Mr. Dobbie.

His Lordship: "You did not tell him so, you know."

Plaintiff: "When they asked me the rent of the house I always told them \$125."

Giving evidence, Mr. Dobbie stated that he received a letter from plaintiff dated August 28, 1928, in which she said that she would hold him responsible for all losses and cost of advertisements.

Letters Unanswered.

Mr. Dobbie also admitted receiving two other similar letters and said that he did not reply to any of them. He further said that plaintiff urged him to leave at the end of September and, in fact, she had a new tenant then. She assumed full responsibility for finding new tenants and agreed that he could leave.

Mrs. Dobbie said she believed that plaintiff had a tenant at the end of September, 1928, and seemed anxious they should go a day earlier, in order to let the new tenant in.

Sympathy With Plaintiff.

Giving judgment, His Lordship said that his sympathy in the matter was almost wholly with the plaintiff who was the owner of the house and entered into a contract with Mr. Dobbie, which contract Mr. Dobbie found himself unable to carry out. The plaintiff had held Mr. Dobbie to his contract and had sued upon it. The first question to be decided was whether the contract was rescinded by mutual consent or not. Mr. Dobbie claimed that it was so rescinded at the end of September, 1928, but, having regard to the facts, his Lordship found that plaintiff never intended to give up her rights under the contract of tenancy.

Continuing, his Lordship said that plaintiff had left with him all the correspondence and documents so that he had been able to look over them at his leisure and understand them. The first document was a letter dated August 28, 1928, in which she said that she held Mr. Dobbie responsible for all losses and advertisements expenses. Mr. Dobbie (Continued on Page 4).

BOMBS & BACTERIA IN WARFARE.

GENERAL SMUTS ON PERILS OF THE FUTURE.

NO HUMANITY IN WAR.

Boston, Jan. 6.

General Smuts, the South African statesman, in the course of an interview with *Reuter's* representative, said he could not agree with the suggestion advanced by President Hoover, apropos of the problem of the freedom of the seas, that strict neutrality should be granted to food-carrying ships in time of war.

President Hoover advanced the suggestion on the ground that war should not be waged against women and children and urged that foodships should be given the immunity afforded to hospital ships.

General Smuts disagreed because, he says, it merely consists of another palliative against barbarism in war.

We want to have done with war. This idea of making war humane has been tried over and over again and it has always broken down in the stress of actual conflict.

Future wars, declared the General, will be unspeakably barbarous. They won't be the old-fashioned chivalrous wars, but wars of bombs and bacteria.—*Reuter's American Service.*

VICTORIA FLYING DISASTER.

LORD STALBRIDGE'S ONLY SON KILLED.

ENGLAND FLIGHT PLAN.

London, Jan. 6.
Captain the Hon. Hugh Grosvenor, Aide-de-camp to Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, the Governor of South Australia, has been killed in a seaplane accident in Australia. He was the only son and heir of Lord Stalbridge.

With two companions, Flight-Lieutenant Briggs and Leading Aircraftman Ewen, he was preparing for a flight from Australia to England.

The seaplane crashed from a height of 400 feet into the sea at Port Phillip Bay, in Victoria. The wreckage was subsequently located in thirty feet of water but none of the bodies has yet been recovered.

Captain Grosvenor, who was only 25 years of age, was a brilliant amateur jockey. He rode much in steepchases before he left England for Australia, and twice competed in the Grand National.

He took up flying after he arrived in Australia. In 1928, he bought a D. H. Moth plane, and last summer flew round Australia, a distance of 8,000 miles in 31 days. His attempt to fly to England was to have been made in about ten days' time and he hoped to lower Captain Kinsford Smith's record of thirteen days for the journey.—*British Wireless.*

HAGEN TURNS UP LATE AGAIN.

LONG BEACH COMMITTEE SCRATCH HIS NAME.

Long Beach, Jan. 6.
The names of Walter Hagen and Leo Diegel were to-day scratched from the qualifying round of the local open golf championship for being late for the "tee off."

Their excuse was that they had been delayed at a local film studio where they were working on a golfing comedy.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ERRING HUSBANDS IN DIFFICULTIES.

WIVES PERMITTED TO HOLD BANK DEPOSITS.

Washington, Jan. 6.
The Supreme Court to-day gave a decision sustaining the constitutionality of the law recently passed in New York State, entitling deserted wives to attach their husbands' bank deposits.—*Reuter's American Service.*

STUBBS RD. MOTOR INCIDENT.

STRONG REMARKS BY MAGISTRATE.

MR. SAMPLE'S SUGGESTION "UTTER NONSENSE."

\$25 FINE IMPOSED.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. Hamilton gave his decision in the case in which Mr. E. F. R. Sample, the architect, was summoned for negligent driving.

The charge against defendant was that he overtook and passed a car driven by Mr. W. C. Clark at a blind corner at Stubbs Road. The alleged incident occurred on the evening of December 11.

His Worship, in giving his decision, said: "This case is purely one of fact. Mr. Clark, the driver of the complainant's car—if I may so term it—gave his evidence in a very clear fashion. It is summed up in Exhibit 'A' (one of the sketches produced in the case). He was entirely unshaken by cross-examination. The three other witnesses gave their evidence quite clearly and corroborated him. Mr. Sample, in his independent sketch (produced as Exhibit B), was singularly convincing."

Expert's Evidence.

It has been given by an "expert" (his Worship referred to Mr. Lauritzen) that people in the back of a car are handicapped. The expert is a gentleman who habitually drives a car—his connexion with selling or repairing cars does not count—and I doubt if he is more expert than I who never drive but habitually sit in the back seat of other cars. Had it been a question of a few yards, I might have gone into this more deeply, but the defendant's evidence rules this out. The witnesses in the back seat corroborate Mr. Clark entirely.

The defendant's evidence—after the cross-examination by his solicitor—amazed me. It does not in any way correspond to the facts given by the prosecution and, I hope, referred to a separate incident.

Crux of Situation.

It at once became apparent that the Austin Seven was the crux of the situation. The evidence of the prosecution varies on the passing between at once and 100 yards." Mr. Clark admitted to 200 yards under pressure. Mr. Sample placed the passing below "Bergheim"—from a half to one mile distant. He denied the possibility of another Austin Seven.

In reply to me, he recognised the incongruity of his story with the prosecution story and deliberately suggested that these four witnesses had conspired to give false evidence because he had annoyed Mr. Clark previously by passing.

Utter Nonsense.

This is utter nonsense but affords a curious side-light on the mentality of the defendant.

I must therefore accept entirely the evidence of the prosecution, and I find that Mr. Sample passed Mr. Clark's car on a blind corner and, further, that in so doing he swung the tail of his car dangerously near the front of Mr. Clark's car. This, I find, amounts to negligent driving—I would go further and say dangerous driving.

I have two remarks further to make. Mr. Sample has told us that he left Dr. Hearnley's house at 7.25 p.m. and in about half an hour, not more, was near Gough Hill corner. He came through the control area in Bonham and Cairne Road and, after, through Queen's Road East. I find myself agreeing with a modified form of Mr. Clark's remark about his luck.

Mr. Sample in this case either is not telling the truth, or he drives in such a preoccupied way that he is unaware of what cars he passes. I trust I may believe the second alternative. I hope he will be more careful in future. Fined \$25.

A small tot of the Shamshui Market had his bail of \$10 attached by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning when the man failed to appear to answer a charge of boarding the Yau-mat Ferry Man Chung, by company, a young Chinese, described as an officer, had his bail of \$5 attached.

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PRETTY WEDDING AT CATHEDRAL.

MISS LEILA CLARKE AND MR. W. D. FIDDES-WILSON.

A WITTY TOAST.

The great interest taken in the wedding of Miss Leila Clarke and Mr. Walter Dunbar Fiddes-Wilson was evidenced by the large attendance both at the interesting ceremony which took place yesterday afternoon at St. John's Cathedral and at the reception held afterwards at the Hongkong Hotel. Miss Clarke and Mr. Fiddes-Wilson are very well-known and highly respected members of the community.

Miss Clarke who is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Strachan Clarke, of 6 Chesham Place, London, took one of the leading parts in the Philharmonic Society's production of "The Geisha" recently, in which she scored a great personal triumph. Mr. Fiddes-Wilson, who comes from Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, has been on the staff of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company for a number of years and was only recently transferred to Tientsin. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Fiddes-Wilson of Muizenberg, South Africa, and Hawick, Scotland. During his residence in the Colony he has taken a great interest in the activities of the Hongkong Jockey Club and the Hongkong Polo Club. He was a very keen polo player and also jockey at the extra meetings, though latterly he has been content to discharge the duties connected with Clerk of the Course, a post he filled with conspicuous ability. He was also for a time Starter for the Jockey Club.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. H. V. Koop. Long before the arrival of the principals, a large congregation assembled in the Cathedral, among those present being noticed Lady Clementi, who was accompanied by His Excellency the Governor's A.D.C. (Capt. Sillitoe), H. E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., with whom was his A.D.C. Capt. Cameron, Commodore R.A.S. Hill, C.B.E., Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Inspector General of Police), Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Lady Pollock, Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Colonel Little (Officer Commanding the 1st Somerset L.I.), Major Crane (Officer Commanding the 2nd K.O.S.B.), Major Lake and a number of K.O.S.B. Officers, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Black, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. P. Beith, Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy and Mrs. Cressy, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wyllie, Commander and Mrs. Byron, Mr. and Mrs. H. Owen Hughes, Colonel and Mrs. T. A. Robertson, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. M. K. Lo and many others.

Messrs. W. T. Stanton, J. P. Heard and W. A. H. Maxwell, polo friends of the bridegroom, discharged the duties of ushers. The bride, who entered the Cathedral on the arm of Mr. R. M. Dyer, by whom she was given away, presented a charming picture in a gown of silver brocade, with train lined with satin, and a silver thread and diamond headpiece, carrying a beautiful bouquet of pink roses and pale pink carnations.

She was attended by Miss Pamela Scott Harston, Miss Joan Beith and Miss Hazel Lauder, attired in pale green satin net, and silver and beaded caps. The bridesmaids carried bouquets of roses.

Mrs. Dyer was dressed in brown velvet trimmed with skunk, and carried a bouquet of orange African daisies.

The bridegroom's "best man" was Mr. Robin Gordon. During the service the hymns "O Perfect Love" and "Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven" were sung, and when the bridal party was leaving the Church the organist Mr. Mason, played Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

When the bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral, they were met by Pipe Major Mackie of the K.O.S.B., who piped them to the Hongkong Hotel, where the recep-

tion was held, their car following slowly behind. A large number of people attended the reception and offered their congratulations to the bride and bridegroom. When the happy couple left the roof garden for their honeymoon, they were accompanied in the lift by Pipe Major Mackie who piped them to their car waiting outside.

The honeymoon is being spent at Fanling. The bride's going away dress was of bois de rose crepe de chine with coat to match, trimmed with beaver, with a cloche hat of material to match.

Toast to Bride and Bridegroom.

In proposing the toast of the health of the bride and bridegroom, Mr. J. Scott Harston said that having safely delivered the bridegroom from his recent bondage in Shanghai, and restored him safely to the arms of his affianced bride, he had taken on a contract with "Auntie" (Mrs. Dyer) to deliver further goods in the shape of proposing the health of the bride and bridegroom (laughter). They were both looking remarkably well and were probably feeling considerably less troubled over that part of the ceremony than the speaker was himself.

Mr. Scott Harston continued that the felicitous task had not, he should explain, fallen upon his shoulders by lot, or by chance misfortune, but by the express selection of "Auntie" and the circumstances attending that selection were such that he felt precluded from taking any royal road or short cut such as beseeching their indulgence with a view of taking "the report" as read. (Laughter).

When he looked back upon those attendant circumstances he felt amazed at finding himself in such an unaccustomed position, and with the view of enlisting their sympathy he would relate briefly how it was he found himself there.

Mr. Scott Harston continued: "As some of you, including the bridegroom, are aware: I was recently inveigled by a miscreant whose telegraphic address should be 'Monopolist' (laughter) into undertaking a perilous—and I use that word advisedly—visit to Shanghai. He dangled before my hesitating gaze visions of beautiful weather, glorious relaxation from work—he being I may say a very apt exponent of the art of hard work (applause)—most enjoyable surroundings and a thoroughly good time, adding, as a final inducement, that I would feel the full benefit of the trip upon my return.

"Those last words were only too true, (laughter). The first six days of my visit were spent in a continuous shower of heavy rain and after half a day of fine weather the remaining period was spent amid snow and ice (laughter) in a temperature of something like 22 degrees. It was only on my return to Hongkong I felt I could again breathe freely.

A Telephone Conversation.

"No sooner had I returned than I was informed by my daughter that 'Auntie' (laughter)—who had been telephoning to her—desired to speak to me. Little dreaming of what was in store for me I went to the instrument thinking 'Oh, what am I in for now.' After wishing 'Auntie' good morning and enquiring tenderly after her health (laughter), she greeted me with 'How nice it is to hear your voice again, Mr. Harston.' I wondered what was coming but she did not keep me long in suspense. She asked me whether I would be present at the wedding ceremony this afternoon, to which I replied, as is my wont, saying I would be rather busy. 'Oh,' she exclaimed, 'You must attend as I have a great favour to ask. I want you to propose the health of the bride and bridegroom.' I immediately replied that the task was entirely beyond my powers and I wasn't having any, but I suggested that 'Uncle' (laughter) would be the fit and proper person for the job (more laughter). In support of my argument I said that 'Uncle' would be able to address the audience in Gaelic and I was not able to do so.

"Further argument ensued but 'Auntie' would not be denied, and so, ladies and gentlemen, you see how vain it is to seek to turn aside from her purpose, a Yorkshire lady who is wedded to a stubborn Scot" (laughter and applause).



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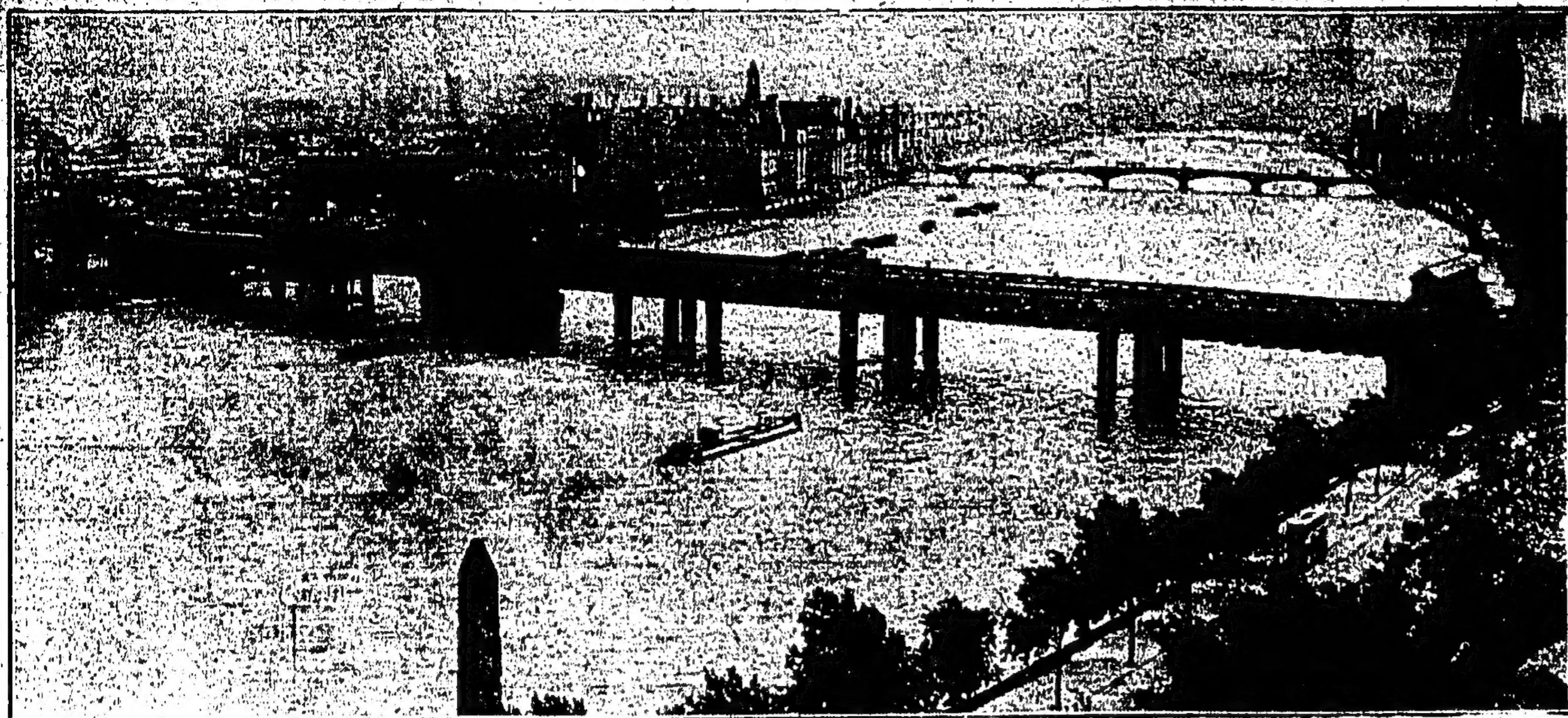


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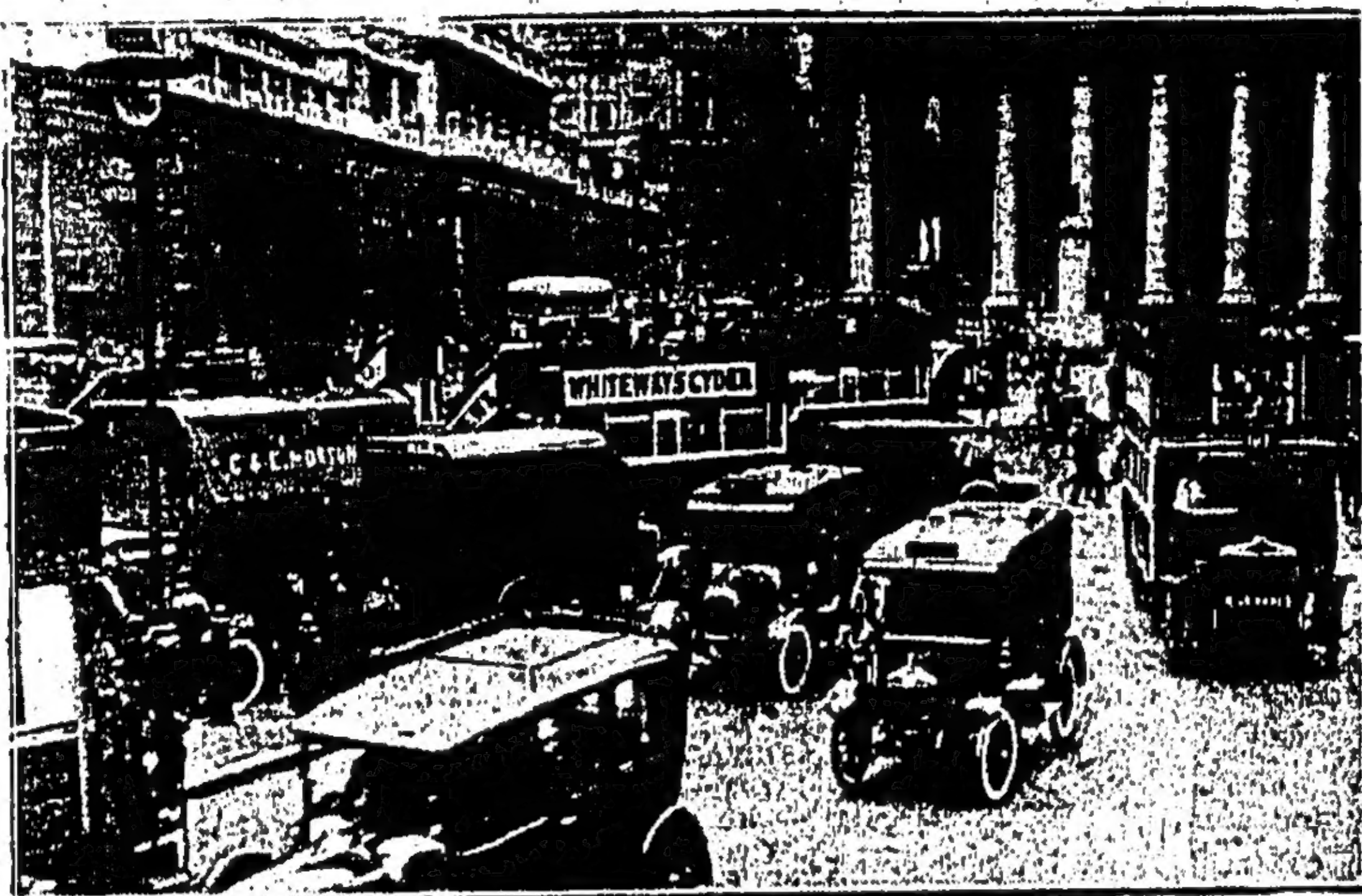




The plea that a service of motor-water-buses on the Thames would help to solve London's chronic and ever-growing traffic problem, has aroused considerable interest. Our picture shows a view of the river from Cleopatra's Needle to beyond Westminster and gives an excellent impression of the usually empty appearance of the river at this point. (Times copyright.)



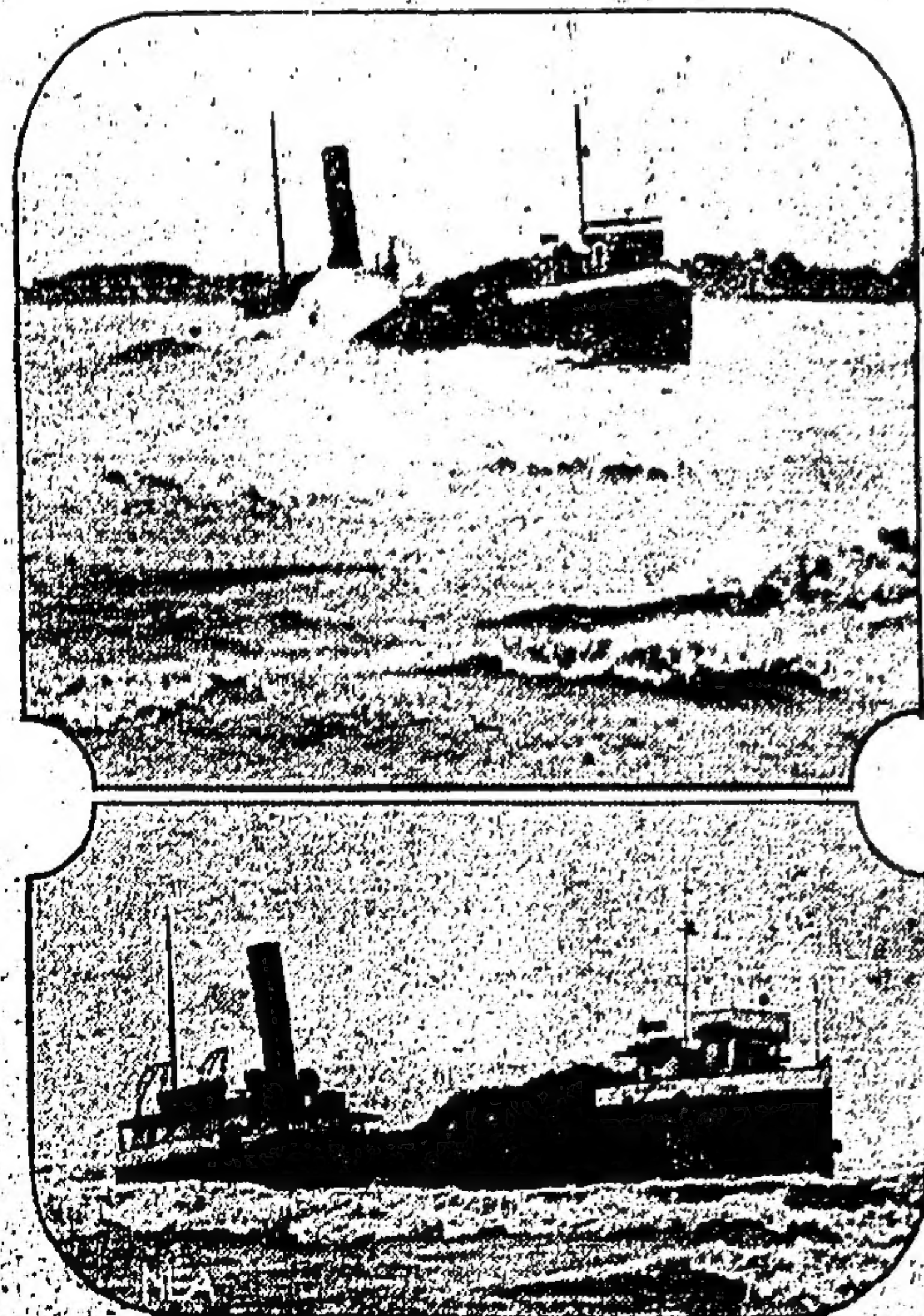
The Italian Crown Prince and his bride-to-be shown at a court wedding in Rome—though not their own. Prince Humbert of Italy and pretty Princess Maria-Jose of Belgium are to be married to-morrow.



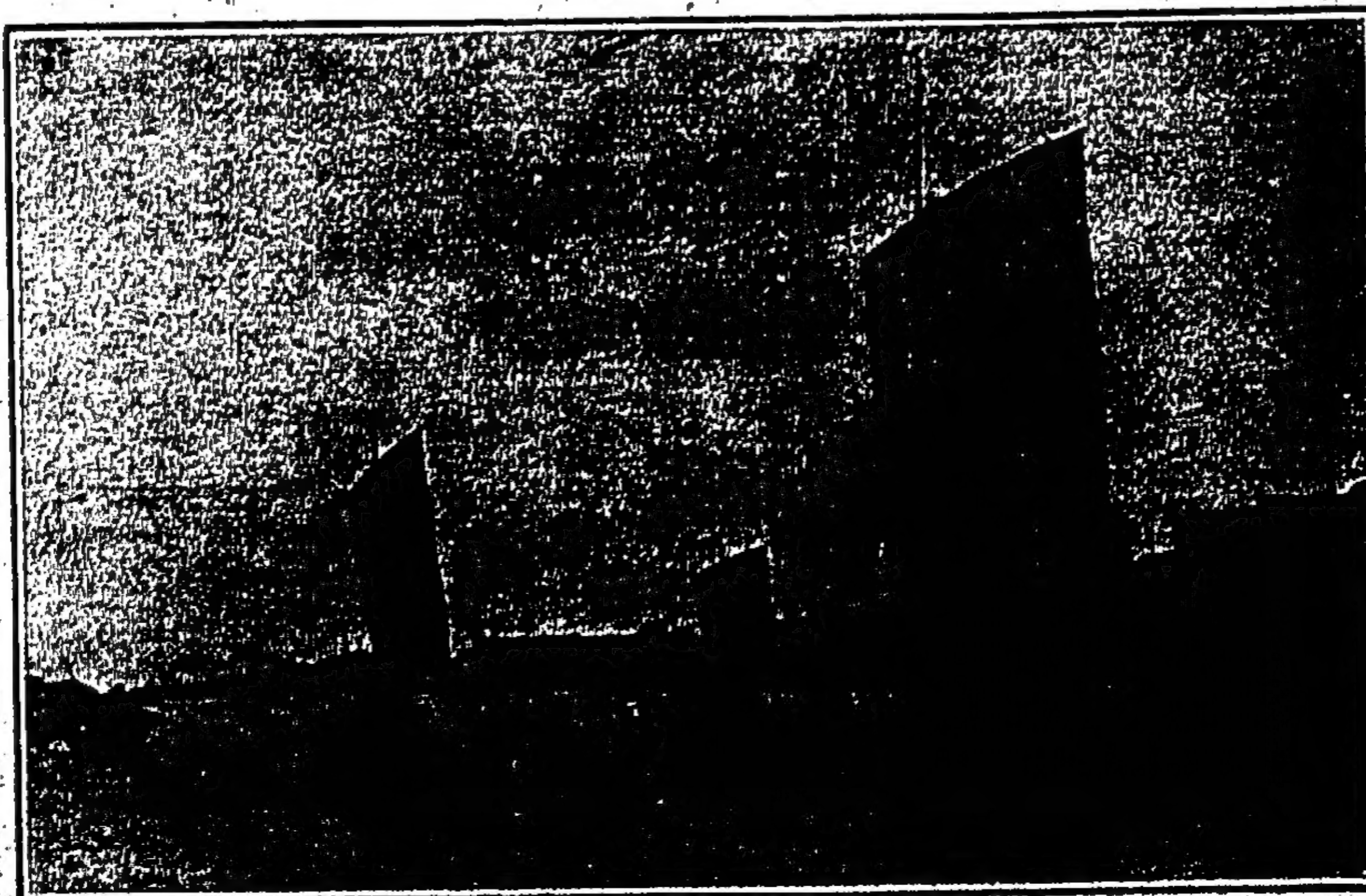
Interesting in view of the suggested service of "water-buses, our picture shows the congestion of motor-cars, motor-omnibuses, and motor-vans in the traffic near the Bank of England. (Times copyright.)



Following a marriage ceremony at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Shanghai, when Miss Adelheid Schierhorst, daughter of Captain and Mrs. A. Schierhorst, of Shanghai, became the wife of Sergeant G. R. Rushbrook, of the First Battalion, the Norfolk Regiment, a wedding dinner was held at the Majestic Hotel when the above picture was taken.



One of the most thrilling rescues on the Great Lakes in recent years was staged when the crew of the N. J. Nessen, below, aground near Leamington, Ont., were rescued by Canadian coast guard in the face of the heaviest storm of the year. Above is the s.s. Odwell, which also went aground near Leamington. Note how the seas are sweeping over it.



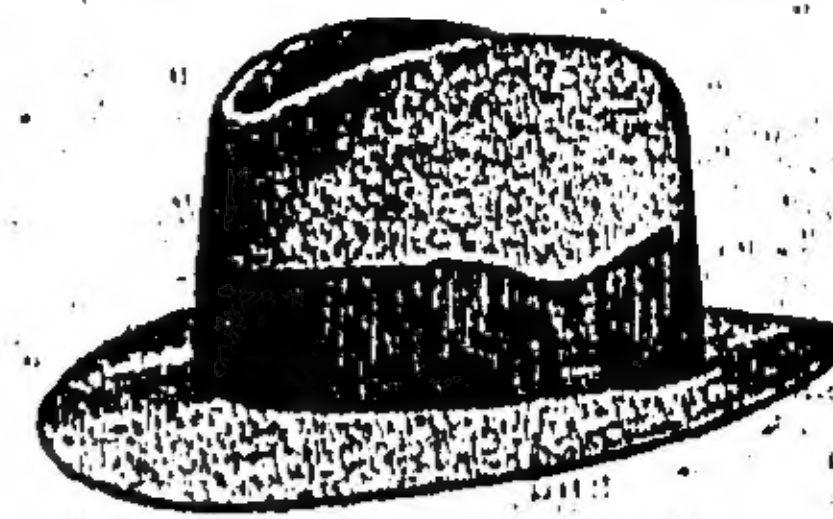
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LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on Wednesday, the 8th January, 1930, commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street, (for account of the concerned), Fifty Bales Cotton Blankets, and Three Cases Serge. Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on Thursday, the 9th January, 1930, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household and Office Furniture, comprising:—

Tenik Hatstands with Mirrors, Tapestry Covered Couches and Arm Chairs, Glass Cabinets, Tientsin Carpets, Pianos, Gramophones, A. J. S. Motor Cycle, Gramophones and Records, Typewriters, Radio Sets, Radiators, Pictures, Curios, Ornaments, Wardrobe Trunks, Rugs, etc., etc. Teak Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Dinner Waggon, Sideboards with Bevelled Mirrors, White Frost Refrigerators, Ice Chests, Dinner Crockery, Glass Ware, Kitchen Utensils, etc., etc. Teak, Iron and Brass Bedsteads with Mattresses, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Dressing Tables, Chamber Stands, Washstands, Toilet Sets, Blankets, etc., etc.

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On View from Wednesday, the 8th January, 1930.

Catalogues will be issued.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on Thursday, the 9th January, 1930, commencing at 3 o'clock p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street, One Monet and Goyon Motor Cycle, 1929 model, Super sports 350 C. C. O. V. H. Twin Port. Perfect Condition. Brand New Appearance.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the 10th January, 1930, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 8, Granville Road (Second Floor).

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

Catalogue will be issued.

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LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Jan. 3, 1930.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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3 Pieces Overcoating.

24 Overcoats.

24 Felt Hats.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

ACTION NO. 8 OF 1928.

BETWEEN

TAK ON TONG alias CHEUNG TAK ON Plaintiff

AND

THE CHING SHAN BRICKS MANUFACTURING CO., LAI HIN MAN and TSOT PO TIN partners therein Defendants.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE of the

First Defendants' valuable leasehold properties situate at The New Territories in the Colony of Hong Kong.

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Lots Nos. 373B, 375B, 376, 377, 380, 382, 516, 517 and 520 in Demarcation District No. 131 in New Territories in the Colony of Hong Kong.

To be sold by Order of the Court made in the above action

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PUBLIC AUCTION IN ONE LOT on Friday,

the 10th day of January, 1930,

at 3 o'clock in the afternoon,

by

MESSRS. LAMMERT BROTHERS, Auctioneers,

at their Sales Room,

No. 5, Duddell Street.

The properties consist of:—

All Those pieces or parcels of ground situate lying and being at the New Territories aforesaid and known and registered in the District Office (North) Tai Po. New Territories aforesaid as Lots Nos. 373B, 375B, 376, 377, 380, 382, 516, 517 and 520 in Demarcation District No. 131 in New Territories aforesaid together with the messuages, erections and buildings thereon. The properties are held for the residues of the terms of years created by the Crown Leases thereof.

For further particulars apply to:—

MESSRS. LO and LO, Vendor's Solicitors

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MESSRS. LAMMERT BROTHERS, Auctioneers,

No. 5, Duddell Street.

Dated the 3rd day of January, 1930.

NOTICE.

The undermentioned Cargo has been lying at Messrs. Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, undelivered, and unless delivery is taken or claimed on or before 31st January, 1930, Consignees and/or others interested therein are hereby notified that same will be sold by Public Auction to defray storage and other charges due.

Bills of Lading.	Mark & Numbers.	Description of cargo.	At S.S.
Actuwp. No. 1	W	10 Cases Window Glass	"City of Tokio" arrived 16.7.29
" No. 2	"	3 " Plate	"
" No. 3	"	6 pkgs. Diamonded Trucks	"
" No. 4	"	4 " Turn Tables	"
" No. 5	"	White 3240 Pieces Rails	"
" No. 6	"	162 Bundles Fish Plate	"
" No. 7	"	3 Cases Orampo	"
" No. 8	"	24 Bags Bolt.	"

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Hongkong, 31st December, 1929.

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General cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to the terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after 7th January.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th January, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th January, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1930.

From UNITED KINGDOM via SINGAPORE.

are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to the terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 7th January.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

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N.Y.K. LINE, (NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA).

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Steamship,

"MITO MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godown and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 11th January, 1930, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesday and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns: No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1930.



A man may have the last word, if it's an apology.

KOWLOON RENTAL DISPUTE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Dobbie left at the end of September, and for three months the house was let without loss.

Further Letters.

The premises became vacant in January, 1929, and on the 8th of that month plaintiff again wrote to Mr. Dobbie saying she gave him notice that, in accordance with the agreement, he was responsible to pay all losses of rent and other damages which might be suffered during the time of the agreement which he had failed to carry out.

The premises having remained vacant for the month of January and finding them still vacant in the month of February, plaintiff again wrote to Mr. Dobbie saying she gave notice that the premises were still vacant and Mr. Dobbie was responsible to compensate for all losses which might be suffered. To none of those letters did Mr. Dobbie give any written reply.

Plaintiff's Intention.

His Lordship went on to say that he was satisfied the letters showed definitely that plaintiff never intended to give up her contract. She had acted reasonably, she had tried to minimise any loss due to Mr. Dobbie's default. Mr. Dobbie had said that she urged him to leave at the end of September, 1928 and, his Lordship remarked, he expected she did so, but her object in doing so was to reduce losses as far as possible. She acted as the other party to the contract should when there was a breach—in the best way she could and entirely bona fide—to reduce the losses by letting the premises again.

Mr. Dobbie had suggested that she had not acted with entire propriety because she did not let the house during January and February, 1929, at a rent below

the market rent. His Lordship said he did not think there was any obligation on plaintiff to take any step of that kind. For those reasons, therefore, his sympathy was almost wholly with plaintiff.

Law Against Plaintiff.

His Lordship went on to say that he had had time to look up the authorities and he regretted to say he had come to the conclusion that the authorities were not on plaintiff's side. The law, stated that if, after a tenant has quit the premises, the landlord re-lets them to another tenant who goes into occupation, this will effect a surrender from the time of the re-letting, unless the landlord gives notice to the tenant that the re-letting is on his account. His Lordship also referred to an authority of 1826 which, he said, had been an authority for over 100 years and was a parallel case.

He continued that if Mrs. Lee had been properly advised, instead of conducting her own affairs, she would have written to Mr. Dobbie saying that she was re-letting on his account, and explaining that if the rent was more than he was due to pay, the excess would be paid over to him and if the rent was less, then he would be responsible for the difference.

Not Fulfilled.

If Mrs. Lee's letters had been written in that sense, his Lordship said he would have been able to find for her and give judgment for her, but that was the only condition on which she could succeed; and she had not fulfilled that condition. She had admitted a new tenant and she had admitted that new tenant on her own account. That being so, she had excluded her previous tenant and had accepted surrender of the contract for tenancy by her own conduct, not in the way in which Mr. Dobbie had suggested, but by her own conduct by process of law. Remarking that he thought it was a right decision on the facts, his Lordship said judgment must therefore be given for the defendant without costs.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Australia and Manila	Taipei	January 7.
Straits	Canton	January 7.
Java	Tientsin	January 8.
Manila	Aldersham	January 8.
Straits	Kidderpore	January 10.
Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	January 10.
London parcels, 5th Dec & Straits	Hector	January 10.
Europe via Negapalam (Letters and Papers, London 12th December 1929)	Taima	January 11.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 18th Dec. 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Polk	January 11.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	January 12.
Canada (Victoria 21st Dec. 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	January 13.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 20th Dec. 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Taft	January 13.
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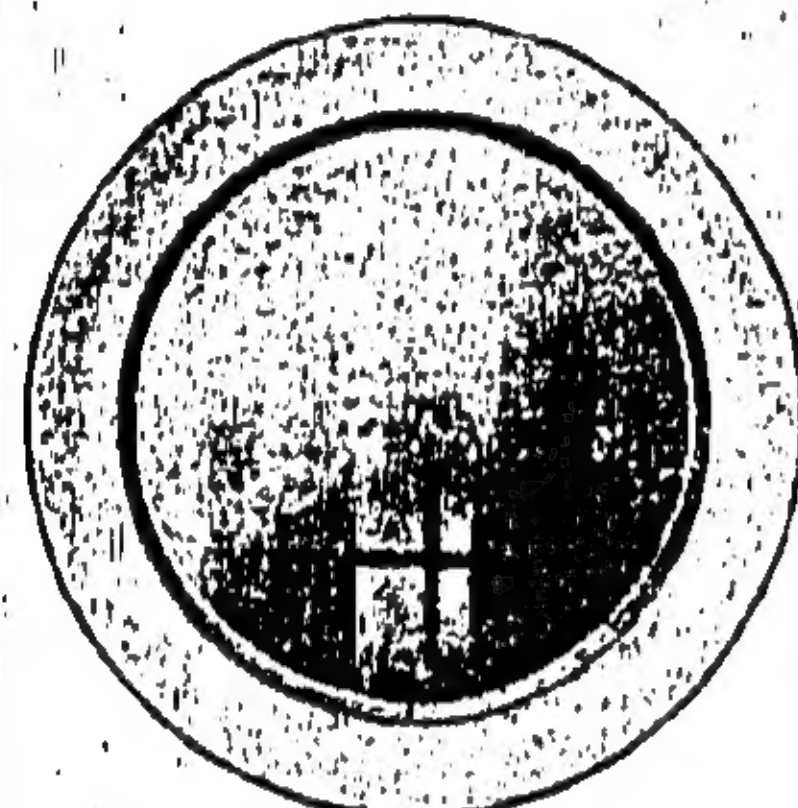
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About Children Who Are Always Catching Cold.

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WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Paris.—The vexed question of longer skirts, to-day the main theme of women's conversation all over the world, has caused very determined reactions. Indeed, it holds all the elements of controversy, based as it is on a misunderstanding.

Much has already been written on the subject, but in every instance people have been prone to generalize somewhat too freely. My contention is that most writers have failed to distinguish between morning, afternoon and evening clothes; although this is the most important point. The result has been considerable confusion in the minds of the majority of women, and every day someone comes forward and states emphatically that women never again will wear trailing skirts. The trouble is that these people think of daytime clothes in the guise of clothes we have created solely for evening wear.

As a matter of fact, extremely long evening gowns no longer astonish or intimidate women. It is a feature of fashions that their eyes have become familiar with for several seasons. They accept



For Evening—This formal though extremely simple evening frock shows no change in the length as compared with models of two seasons back.

ed the longer, albeit uneven hemline, when it was offered to them, and now even go so far as to have shorter models made longer, confident in the success that the longer, more feminine type of dress has brought them.

Undoubtedly, afternoon dresses are generally longer, but this extra length is only, in reality, a matter of few inches. Women may sometimes utter a cry of dismay when they are shown an ankle-length model for the afternoon, but these dresses are exceptional and do not represent current fashions, as may be supposed by people whom this so-called evolution worries. Certain afternoon dresses I showed in my winter collection are, indeed, very long, but no great importance should be attached to them and they by no means are representative of any special style.

The greater number of my afternoon dresses measure from 34 to 36 centimeters (14 to 15 inches) from the ground, excluding a small number of very dressy, formal afternoon ensembles, which are decidedly longer. They represent



For Afternoon—The new skirt length is shown in this simple advance spring model created by Jean Patou for his mid-season collection.

For the Housewife

TEA TABLE HARMONY.

The vogue for the ensemble has spread from the toilette to the tea-table, and the latest idea for the hostess who delights in dainty effects is china and linen en suite for afternoon tea.

This iris forms the keynote for one fascinating scheme. On a background of creamy linen an iris design is applied which repeats the exact pattern and colouring on the china itself. The table napkins are in suite.

The fairy lightness of the china, the delicacy of its design and colouring, and its thin, pearly,

translucent texture, allied with the dainty harmonising linen, achieves so novel and charming an effect that the fashion bids fair to spread rapidly.

If the iris is not to one's taste there are three other delightful Shelley harmony sets that may prove more to one's liking. The daisy design is one of them.

Delight to the Eye.

The corner of an old-world country garden, with clusters of gay flowers on a rustic arch, is reproduced on a Shelley tea set that will delight the eye of the garden-lover. It captures the spirit of the countryside, and though, at present, there is no matching table-linen for this particular

sent, however, a very small minority.

Where morning or walking dresses are concerned, I have not added to the length of any dress since the preceding season. The only difference is that those women who unfortunately had acquired the habit of wearing too short skirts have now discarded them and have their clothes made the same length as the model, instead of taking off an inch or two. Now that these longer skirts are generally worn, the added inches might be more apparent to the onlooker, but so far as the couturier is concerned, there is no change in this type of dress.

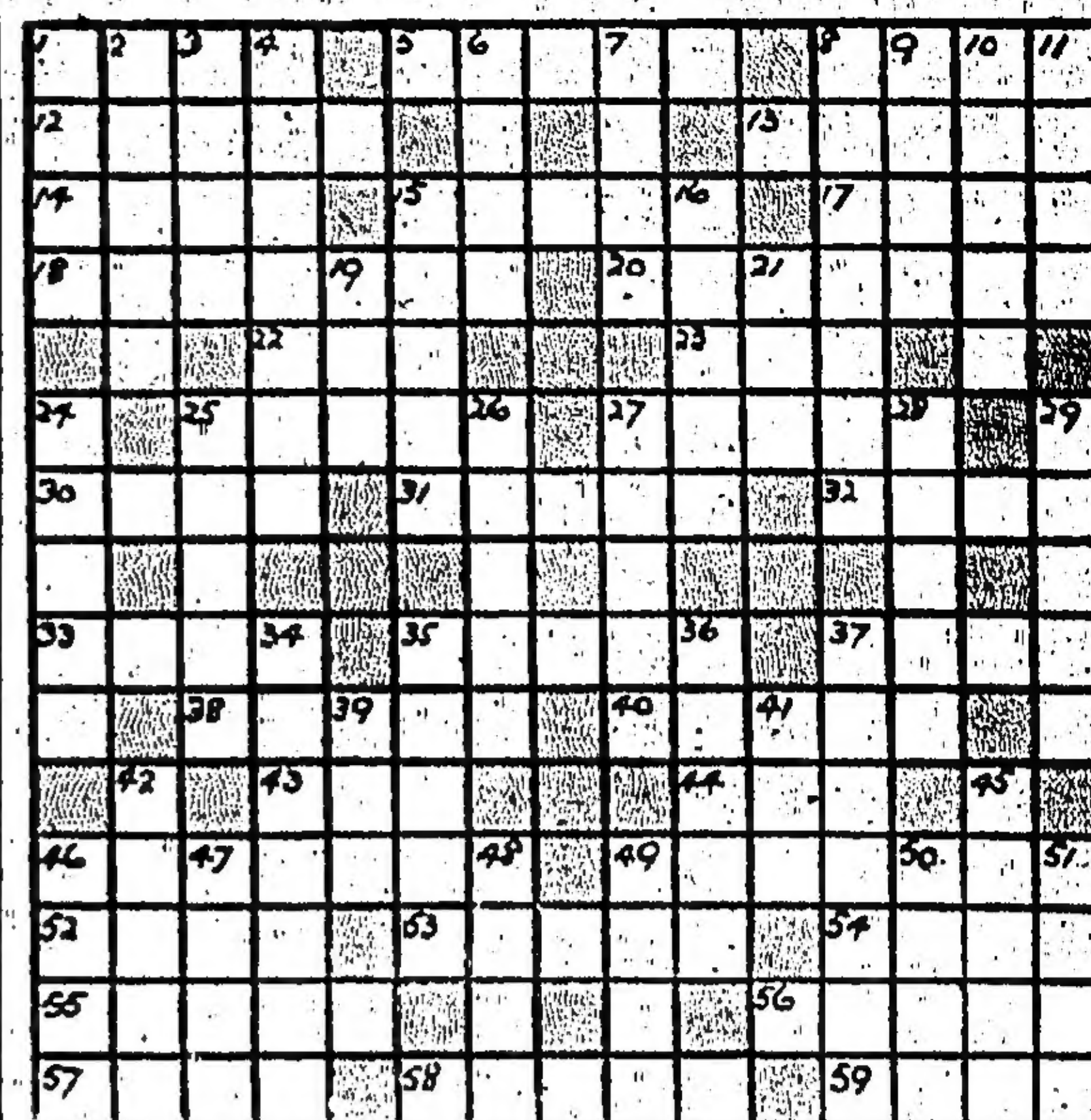
Frankly speaking, it is the women who have changed their viewpoint. Those who cling to the short skirt feel and know they look hopelessly out-of-date and after a season of rebellion, they are forced to admit that the couturier was right.

To the couturier, the abbreviated skirt was nothing more or less but a negation of style and good taste. It is very gratifying, after all these years, to think that women will be clothed in graceful, feminine clothes.—JEAN PATOU.



For Morning—As shown by the charming costume above, the length of streets or sports ensembles has not been changed by Jean Patou.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

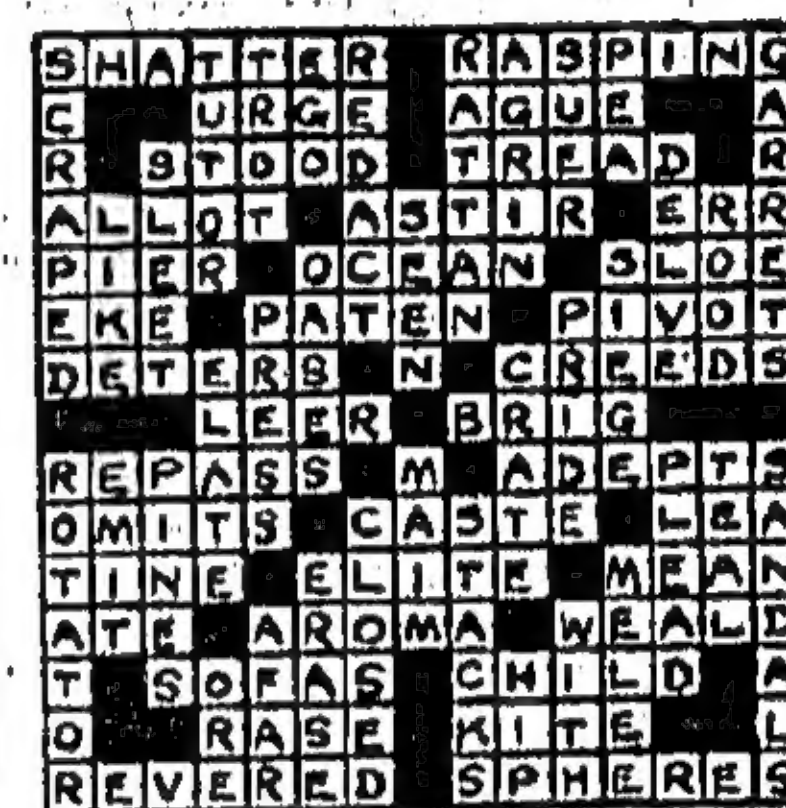
- 1 Crotchet.
- 5 Era.
- 8 Graceful bird.
- 12 Void.
- 13 Craft.
- 14 Spare.
- 15 Subject of a discourse.
- 17 Company of people.
- 18 Orator.
- 20 Entertainment.
- 22 Commotion.
- 23 Part of a fish.
- 25 Entertained with a feast.
- 27 Lessened.
- 30 Chief.
- 31 Entire.
- 32 Twofold.
- 33 Encampment.
- 35 Prime mover.
- 37 Fly with haste.
- 38 Disseminator.
- 40 Peer.
- 43 Rodent.
- 44 Extremity of the foot.
- 46 Those who suffer for the truth.
- 49 Groaning.
- 52 On the leeward.
- 53 Ferment.
- 54 Extinct bird.
- 56 Flying.
- 58 Measuring instrument.
- 59 Despatched.
- 59 Raise the shoulders.
- 59 Uncommon.

Down

- 1 Indicative of love.
- 2 Inefficient.
- 3 The hub.
- 4 Pomelled.
- 6 Needy.
- 7 Smart.
- 8 Come after.
- 9 Telegram.

- 10 Watchful.
- 11 Eft.
- 12 Doctrine.
- 14 Hard calcareous substance.
- 19 Outfit.
- 21 Word-expressing refusal.
- 24 Violent onset.
- 25 Cultivates.
- 31 Giver.
- 32 Nobleman.
- 38 Dullard.
- 39 Avenue in a wood.
- 44 That which foretokens.
- 45 Verse.
- 46 Revolving part of a motor.
- 47 Slim.
- 48 Path.
- 49 Fangless serpent.
- 49 Worth.
- 49 Beneath.
- 49 Lump.
- 49 Restraint.
- 49 Scrib.
- 49 Bill of fare.
- 50 Jot.
- 51 Stab.

Yesterday's Solution.



UNDER A FLOOR FOR TWO YEARS.

HIDING IN "DUG-OUT" FROM
POLICE.

How a man had been hiding from the police for two years in a "secret dug-out" under the floor of his home was described at Walsall when Sidney Warner, aged 37, a wood-machinist, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for housebreaking.

The police, after about 50 fruitless visits to the house where Warner lived with his widowed mother, surrounded his home, but could not find him.

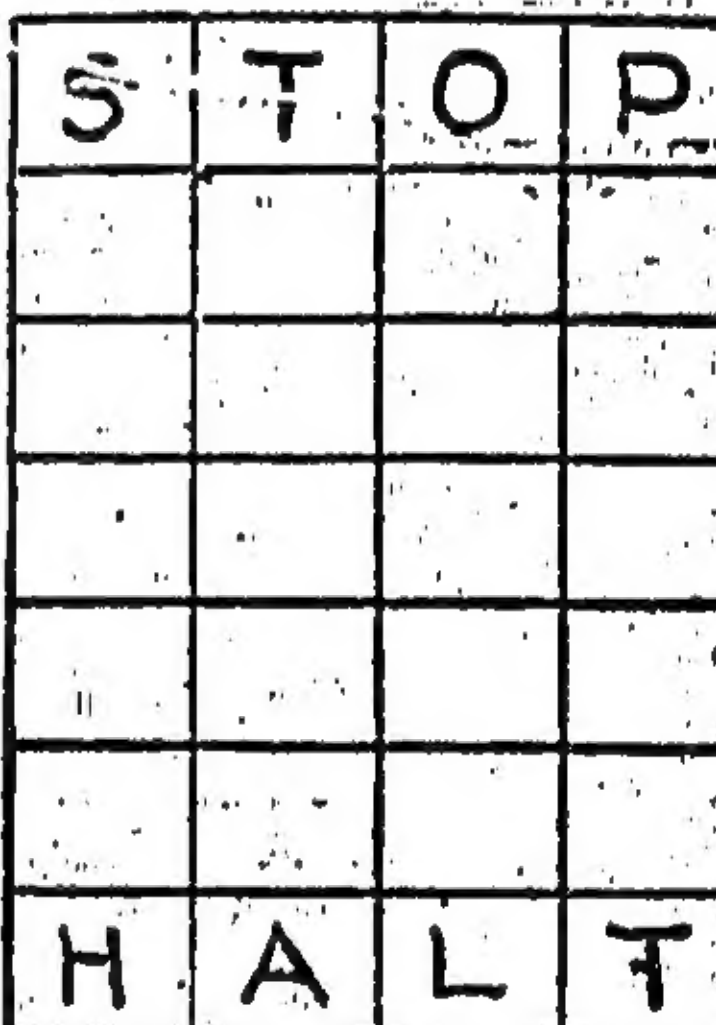
They sounded the floor, and beneath the linoleum discovered a trapdoor leading to a hole seven feet by two feet, in which Warner was lying with stolen property around him.

Mother's Retort.
The defending solicitor said that Warner, while serving in the Navy, had an order for 10s. weekly made against him on a woman's complaint. To avoid arrest under the warrant, issued at Portsmouth, he had lived in this dug-out two years. He had lived a life of misery, never able to go out with his wife and family, except after nightfall.

His mother, charged with harbouring him, said: "Wouldn't any mother shield her son?" She was bound over.

LETTER GOLF.

There's not much difference between STOP and HALT, except in letter golf where par is six.



1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
2.—You can change only one letter at a time.
3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page.

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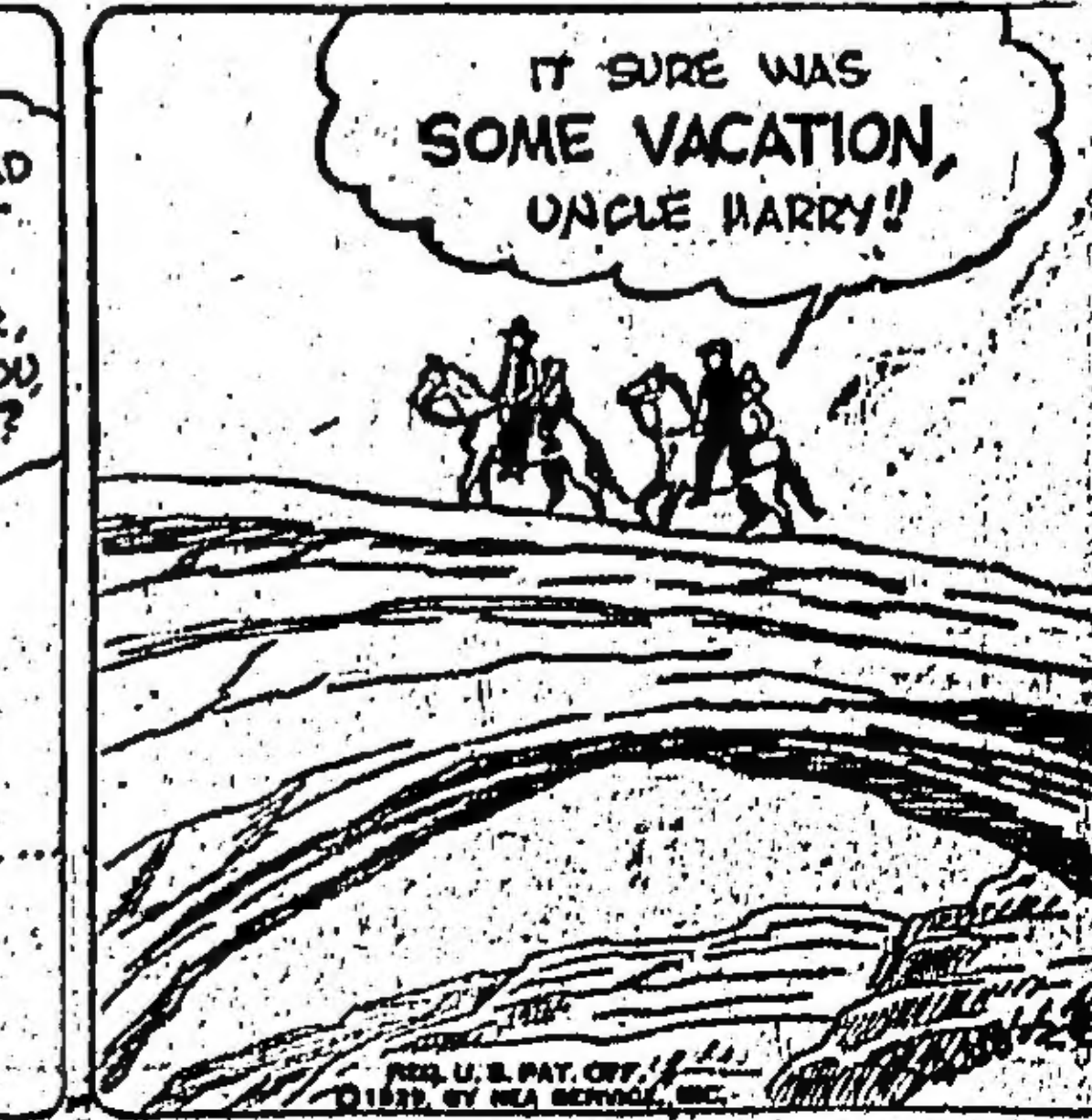
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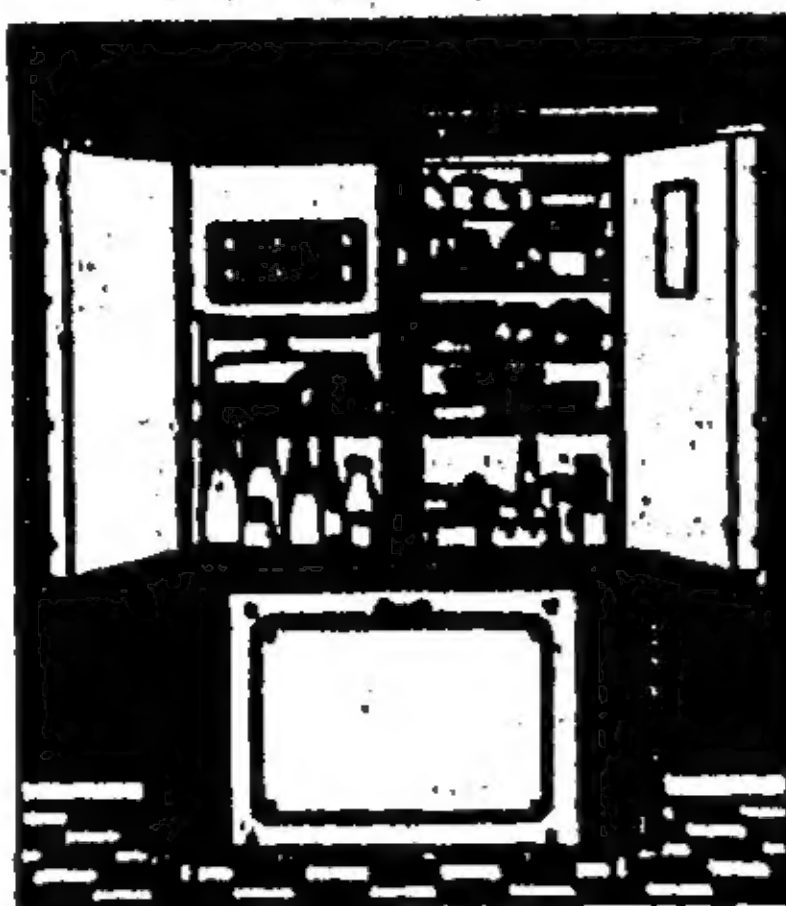
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BIRTH.

BEVAN.—On January 2nd at
Swatow, wife of Temple P. M.
Bevan, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 1930.

THE TREATMENT OF SMALL-POX.

Whilst conceding the point that Mr. M. K. Lo is actuated by the very best of motives, and that he honestly believes it will be in the public interest to render less rigorous the conditions under which small-pox patients may be treated in their own homes, we cannot but dissent from the attitude which he adopts on this all-important subject. Mr. Lo recognises that, even with home treatment permitted, the poorer class of Chinese resort to concealment of cases and the dumping of the bodies of victims, but he appears to think that these evils spring from a deep-rooted belief that the disinfection process insisted upon proves injurious to clothing. Therefore, he suggests that it might be wise to waive disinfection, provided all the inmates of a house where small-pox breaks out submit to vaccination. As we say, Mr. Lo's bona fides are beyond question; all the same, we must confess our surprise that he should plead for a weakening of the present restrictions when, in point of fact, the situation calls for reverse treatment. We shall be even more surprised if, at this afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board, the Government shows itself in any way sympathetic to the suggestions thrown out.

It would be interesting to know if there is any other place besides Hongkong throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire where the authorities permit the treatment of small-pox patients in their own homes. We very much doubt it. In this matter, the authorities here have, in our opinion, been far too considerate of Chinese susceptibilities. Small-pox is one of the most filthy and virulent of diseases, and yet the measures which Hongkong takes to prevent its spreading are less stringent than those employed by the health authorities in many other places. In regard to far less dangerous complaints, The old plea of prejudice and objections on the part of the poorer classes of Chinese has for all too long been heeded. To respect it is only to prevent the acceptance of better ideas. Strangely enough, although Chinese objections in regard to such

matters as periodical house-cleaning and refuse-removal are not heeded, when we come to such a terrible disease as small-pox, the Government compromises with the objectors by allowing home treatment. If the same policy were followed in all matters affecting public health, this Colony would be one of the filthiest and most insanitary spots in the whole world. Never by such a policy can we hope to spread enlightened ideas amongst the masses. It will be argued by defenders of the present lax methods, and by those who would make them even less onerous; that stricter requirements would have the effect of still greater concealment than is at present practised. Our answer to this contention is that the last thing our health authorities should do is to bargain with the ignorant and the prejudiced in such a vitally serious matter. By far the better way would be to abolish the permission for home treatment and, if there is to be any circularising of the Chinese community, let it be on the lines of threatening drastic treatment of those guilty either of concealment or of dumping. That is the kind of propaganda of which Hongkong stands most in need.

In the matter of small-pox, we fear it is more by luck than good management that this Colony has for some years been spared a really serious epidemic. Past measures for controlling the disease have been utterly inadequate. On the other hand, if we turn to plague, there is evidence galore of the benefits of vigorous action. The periodical cleansing of houses and the refusal to permit hollow partitions in houses and offices have been almost wholly responsible for the complete wiping out of the disease here. At first, the Chinese resented both the one measure and the other; time has now convinced them of the benefits accruing therefrom. So, we suggest, will it be in the matter of small-pox treatment. Far from making further concessions, let the bye-laws be strengthened, and, what is more, strictly enforced. In the long run, the very classes which now seek to stay the spread of better ideas will themselves come to realise that there is no room for compromise methods in fighting such a deadly disease as small-pox.

India's Future.

While it could never have been apprehended that the Labour Government would pay serious attention to the follies committed in the name of All India at Lahore, it is satisfactory that the first official statement regarding the Congress should destroy completely any and every illusion which may have been entertained by Gandhi and his colleagues. Earl Russell, the newly appointed Under-Secretary for India, could not have made the position much clearer. No one knew better, he said, than the Indians themselves, how very foolish was the talk of complete independence for India. It must equally be obvious that such resolutions as were passed at Lahore could serve only to hinder the progress of the country towards self-government. The Labour Party has shown that it will not allow itself to be influenced by such crude forms of propaganda, though it may derive a certain amount of encouragement from the other big political conference, held simultaneously at Madras, a conference which revealed the emergence in force of a moderate element anxious to co-operate with the British Government. The Liberal meeting, undoubtedly, provides Lord Irwin's answer to the critics of his request that the declared purposes of British statesmanship should be cleared of all ambiguity and that Dominion Status should be plainly acknowledged as the goal of British endeavour. But for the October Proclamation which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Wedgwood Benn authorised on the representations made by the Viceroy, the complete unanimity manifest at Madras could never have been obtained. Not only that, but the hopes now entertained that the Moderates will regain control of India's political

DAY BY DAY.

PROGRESS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE MAN WHO DOES THINGS, NOT BY THE MAN WHO TALKS ABOUT HOW THEY OUGHT TO BE DONE.—Roosevelt.

Brother Joseph, formerly instructor at St. Joseph's College, Hongkong, has joined the staff of the La Salle College of the same corporation in Manila.

A would-be suicide who threw himself into the harbour opposite Hill Road, West Point, on Sunday, was rescued by a public-car driver and subsequently sent to the Government Civil Hospital. He is identified as a goldsmith of Queen's Road Central.

Admitting a charge of returning from banishment, a Chinese, who was deported from the Colony in November, 1928, for a period of ten years, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Allegations that he embezzled \$1,331 have been made against Kwan Kau by Li Shu-yui, the manager of the Tak Cheung Bank, 39, Wing Lok Street. The complainant reported to the police that Kwan, who is a folk, embezzled the money after collecting it for the Bank from various shops, and that he has since absconded.

A fine of 50 was imposed by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a Chinese who pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping a common gaming house at 168, Woosung Street. Five others were each fined \$2 for gambling, while nine men had their bail of \$3 estreated. A sum of about \$7, which was found on the table, was ordered to be confiscated.

MARINE COURT.

COMDR. NEWELL BACK FROM HOME LEAVE.

Sitting at the Marine Court this morning for the first time after returning from Home leave, Comdr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., had before him a case in which the misfrances of two passenger boats were charged with making fast to the a.s. Nellore yesterday whilst she was still under way.

The defendants denied the charge, saying that they were only rowing beside the Nellore. Sgt. Went, who prosecuted, said when the Nellore came into the harbour yesterday at about 8 a.m., he noticed that the defendants' boats were made fast to the ship. He went on board the Nellore and asked the captain whether he had given the defendants permission to do so, and, receiving an answer in the negative, arrested the defendants.

Witness then produced a letter from the master of the Nellore corroborating his statement. Defendants still maintained that they did not make fast to the steamer but were only rowing alongside when they were arrested. His Worship, however, registered a conviction and imposed a fine of \$10 each.

FOREIGN OFFICE CHANGE.

THE NEW PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY.

London, Jan. 6.
Sir Robert Vansittart will tomorrow take up his duties as Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in succession to Sir Ronald Lindsay.

Sir Ronald Lindsay leaves England in about two months' time to assume his post as Ambassador at Washington.—*British Wireless.*

CLEARER WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has strengthened slightly. It remains central to the north of the Yangtze Valley. Strong monsoon along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; overcast at first, clearing later.

course, could have had no basis. The Liberals ask for a Constitution, based on Dominion Status, subject to such safeguards and reservations as may be necessary for the period of transition. No reasonable objection can be offered to the principle thus set forth, not even by the most vigorous Imperialist as far as we can see.

NANKING OFFICIAL IN CANTON.

WARM WELCOME GIVEN TO MR. KOO YING-FAN.

Canton, Jan. 5.
Mr. Koo Ying-fan, one time Minister of Finance of the Provincial Government of Kwangtung, arrived in Canton from Nanking via Shanghai and Hongkong, yesterday morning. A very large number of officials was present at the wharf of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company to welcome him. These included His Excellency General Chan Ming-shu, Civil Governor of Kwangtung; Mr. Lam Wen-kol, Mayor of Canton; Admiral Chan Chak, Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangtung Provincial Fleet; General Au Yang-kue, Commissioner of Public Safety; Mr. Fan Kee-mo, Commissioner of Finance; and many others.

This is the first time Mr. Koo Ying-fan has returned to Canton for two years. He is most emphatic that he is merely making a pleasure trip, but it is freely reported that he will visit Kwangsi and report on the present position there to the Nationalist Government in Nanking.

His Excellency General Chan Ming-shu gave a dinner last night at the Government Club at Tung Shan in honour of Mr. Koo. A large circle of Government officials attended.

Mr. Koo's official position at present is Chief of the Civil Officials' Department of the Nationalist Government at Nanking.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

"SPEAKEASY" AT THE QUEEN'S.

IN THE FORM OF AN EXCELLENT FILM.

Of considerable interest is the talking picture now showing at the Queen's Theatre under the title of "Speakeasy." It details the adventures of a girl reporter, who, out to make good with her City Editor, obtains the "scoop" of the day, and in so doing is drawn into a romance with a boxer, whose inspiration she becomes. There are a number of exciting chapters before the story closes with a unique view of a boxing ring, where the hero is shown making a last-minute recovery as he gains fresh courage and inspiration from the presence at the ringside of his fiancée.

The production is well acted, and the dialogue excellently arranged and clear. Above all, it gives close contact with the hustle and bustle of a modern metropolis.

"Speakeasy" will be completing its run to-morrow.

LATEST WATER STATISTICS.

COLONY'S SUPPLIES STILL SHRINKING.

The total storage in the island reservoirs on the morning of Monday 6th January, amounted to 1,279.77 million gallons, showing a decrease of 47.50 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 46.91 million gallons.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday 6th January, amounted to 468.50 million gallons, showing a decrease of 9.04 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 25.33 million gallons, not including 1.85 million gallons supplied to Water Bots at Lai Chi Kok.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week is 18.14 million gallons.

"THE HIGH STEPPERS."

AT THE MAJESTIC THEATRE, KOWLOON.

The talented company of British vaudeville stars, "The High Steppers," will again appear at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, to-day in a complete change of programme. Ever since they commenced their season on New Year's Day, they have been playing to capacity houses.

They present one of the brightest, snappiest, and cleverest programmes ever seen in South China. Mahomet Kassim, an Indian-Australian baritone vocalist, has a very fine voice and is heard to advantage in some well chosen songs of his own composing. Bert Beal, juggler and comedian, sends the audiences in fits of laughter and applause at the same time. Each artist is a star in his or her own particular line of entertainment.

The Very Idea!

So naturalists observe a flea
Has smaller fleas that on him
prey,
And these have smaller still to
bite 'em,
And so proceed ad infinitum.
—Dean Swift, 1667-1745.

A woman student at the School of Tropical Medicine has found that there is partial truth in this old adage.

She is Miss Sykes, of the Department of Entomology, and, according to Dr. Buxton in his report, she has made an "accidental" discovery of considerable importance.

In an examination of the early stages of fleas she discovered what proved to be the first parasitic "Hymenopteron" (of the same order as bees, ants, &c., and having four wings) which has ever been discovered on any flea in any part of the world. This is the first insect parasite ever discovered on a flea. It kills the larvae.

So far the "fleaer fleas" have not been discovered on the "little flea," and there seems little hope of proving the "ad infinitum."

Lord Dunedin, sitting as a Lord of Appeal: A generating station is not a place where electricity is on tap to the passer-by, like beer at a public-house.

Counsel at Clerkenwell County Court (to the jury): Remember that your time will come to be run over in the street if you live long enough in London.

Mr. Camplin the South-Western magistrate, to defendant: You are three parts of a rogue because you have tried to deceive me and one part fool for betting in the street when ill.

Woman at Tottenham: I didn't hit her. I should have done if she had not moved when my arm shot out.

(A visit to a cinema is replacing the hushon as a preliminary to business among commercial men, I read.)

Should an unresponsive client grow increasingly defiant
And your samples are unopened
for an hour,
And your eloquent persuasion meets with nothing but evasion

While his visage looks discouragingly dour,
Tell him blandly you are going
where a voice declaims "Now showing,"

With a hint about a perfect picture play;
Get him seated nice and cosy—
and the prospect will be rosy

In accordance with the order of the day.

Gentleman (bewildered at the elaborate wedding): "Are you the bridegroom?"
Young Man: "No, sir; I was eliminated in the semifinals."

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Jan. 6.

Paris	123.32
Brussels	34.91
Amsterdam	12.08%
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	18.20%
Vienna	34.63
Helsingfors	104
Lisbon	108.25
Bucharest	818
Buenos Aires	45%
Hongkong	1/7%
Yokohama	2/0.8/10
New York	4.87%
Geneva	25.125
Milan	93.10
Stockholm	18.45%
Oslo	18.20%
Prague	164%
Madrid	26.975
Athens	375
Rio	5.28/64
Bombay	1/5.15/16
Shanghai	1/11%
Silver (spot)	20%
Silver (forward)	20.9/10

—*British Wireless.*

WHO WAS

FLIBBERTI- GIBBET?

In "King Lear" Shakespeare speaks of one of the characters, "poor Tom," as being possessed by five friends, one of whom was Flibbertigibbet, the fiend "of moppin' and mowin'; who since possesses chambermaids and waiting women; who walks abroad from curfew until cock-crow, giving men pins and needles, scunt-eyes, and hare-lips—the spirit of malice, in short."

Shakespeare was not the originator of this name, which had been previously used by Latimer in his sermons to denote and denounce backbiters and gossip—and in Shakespeare's lifetime a book called "A Declaration of Erecious Popish Impostures" mentioned "Flibbertigibbet" as one of the evil spirits which the Jesuits claimed to be able to exorcise.

The precise significance of the terms seems to have been lost in the course of the centuries, and nowadays we apply it to any frivolous character, malicious or not.

SINGAPORE SWEEP TICKETS.**CONTROVERSY STILL BEING WAGED.****BLAME FOR LEAKAGE LAID ON THE POLICE.****CLUBS DEFENDED.**

A considerable stir has been caused in Malaya by an intimation sent by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government dealing with "the leakage of sweepstake and totalisator tickets into the hands of persons who are not members of the Turf Club. It is stated that His Excellency's threat that "It may become necessary for the Government to intervene if the clubs cannot put a stop to this evasion" raises an issue of considerable importance.

The *Straits Times*, in a comment on the subject, says it has never displayed any enthusiasm for the retention of cash sweeps at Race Meetings, and does not propose to do so now. It continues:

What a Lottery Is.

Our protest is directed rather at what amounts to gross interference with the rights of the individual. The law on the question of lotteries is quite clear. About six weeks ago, after consulting a high legal authority, we announced it thus:—"A lottery is not illegal in itself, so long as it is confined to the members of a club, or even of a private household. The law does not prohibit the holding of lotteries, but it prohibits public lotteries, the difference being the inclusion of the public outside the members, and allowing the tickets to be made a matter of public sale.

"Even if a non-member of a club, which is holding a sweepstake, be found in possession of one of the club sweepstake tickets, that is not an offence, unless it can be proved that he obtained possession of the ticket by purchase. A member of a club holding a sweepstake is perfectly at liberty to make a gift of a ticket to a friend."

Numbers Allotted.

The racing clubs in Malaya do not issue tickets on the sweeps; on application by members numbers are allotted, a procedure which is adopted in the case of all lotteries whose legality is not questioned. Tickets for the cash sweeps can only be purchased in an enclosure which is guarded by officials whose duty is to see no one is admitted to the enclosure unless he is wearing a membership badge. So long as those precautions are clearly acting within the law. Several members have been expelled from the Singapore Turf Club for breaking the law—and rightly so.

But if there be, here and there, as is almost inevitable in the case of a club with a very large membership, one who will disregard the law of the land to oblige a friend, that is scarcely justification for holding the club as a whole guilty.

Matter For Police.

Surely the matter is one for the police and it seems to us that the attitude of Government is wholly illogical and unjust. It says, in effect: "The law is being broken or evaded. The police have not succeeded in remedying this state of affairs. We now call upon you to do the work of the police. If you succeed, all well and good; if you fail, you and the private individuals who form your membership, will be penalised."

It is well known that both the Singapore and the Selangor Turf Clubs have committed themselves to heavy expenditure on building new racecourses. In each case the revenue from lotteries forms a substantial asset and if that source of income is to be arbitrarily removed it is not the law-breakers who will suffer. The clubs will be called upon to face an entirely different financial situation and in the end, it will be the individual members who will have to meet the deficit, or in the case of the owners, accept stakes which will make racing a very costly business, and, in the case of other members, be content with poorer racing and considerably curtailed amenities for watching it.

Unwarranted Interference.

The matter does not end there. If Government insists upon de-

MORE NEW YEAR HONOURS.**SEVERAL ADDITIONAL NAMES IN LIST.****LADIES INCLUDED.**

In addition to the New Year Honours cabled by Reuter, the list includes the following:

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Order of the Star of India.

Knight Grand Commander: Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood, Commander-in-Chief of the Army in India.

Order of St. Michael & St. George.

Knight Grand Cross: Sir Joseph Ward, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Sir Horace Byatt, lately Governor of Trinidad, and

Sir Malcolm Robertson, lately Ambassador at Buenos Aires.

Knight Commanders: Sir James Maxwell, Governor of Northern Rhodesia;

Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Balfour, Director of the London Schools of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine;

Sir Edward Crowe, Comptroller-General of the Overseas Trade Department, and

Frederick Leith Ross, Deputy Comptroller of Finance at the Treasury, for services in connection with reparations.

Imperial Order of the Crown of India.

Viscountess Goshen.

Royal Victorian Order.

Knight Grand Cross: Duke of Beaufort.

Sir Frederick Milner; and

Admiral Sir Colin Keppel.

Order of the British Empire.

Knight Grand Cross: Admiral Sir Edward Bradford Reid.

Dame Commander: Lady Balfour, for services to aviation.

Knight Commander: Sir Frank Biddle, Chief Secretary of the Government of Nigeria.

Companion of Honour.

Miss Maude Royden for her eminent services in the religious life of the nation.

giving members of one club from holding a private lottery, all sweepstakes must stop. It cannot confine its action to clubs directly interested in racing in Malaya and the situation arises that because the police have failed to check abuse of a law which the racing clubs have rigidly observed, the liberty of members of the Singapore Club, the Lake Club, the Penang Club, the Garden Club—of every private club in the country—is to be subject to wholly unwarranted interference.

As we have said, we are by no means enamoured of cash sweeps and if the clubs voluntarily abandoned them we should be among the first to commend their good judgment. Before they can do so, however, it is obvious that they must discover some new source of revenue and the solution is hinted at in His Excellency's letter which states: "It has been urged that open betting on the totalisator would be less objectionable than the present inadequately controlled facilities for betting in connexion with races." We take it that "open betting" includes the admission of non-members to the racecourse on payment at the entrance.

Forbidden Fruit.

His Excellency does not make any specific promise on this point and it is hardly to be expected that the clubs will voluntarily abandon one source of revenue until they are assured of the removal of the out-of-date and vexatious restrictions which close up another. In passing, it may be permissible to remark upon the vagaries of the official attitude toward "open racing." Members of the Singapore Turf Club know quite well that when the plans for acquiring a new course were under consideration the Government was asked if there was any possibility of such a concession being granted. The reply was to the effect that, as the law stood, "open racing" was forbidden and there was no intention of altering the law on the subject. A few months later His Excellency almost offers forbidden fruit as a bait to secure the abandonment of a legal right!

POLICE DESERTER CONVICTED.**ARRESTED AFTER ABSENCE OF TWO YEARS.****"BUYING OUT" QUERY.**

As to whether a police constable could "buy himself out" of the Force, if he were dissatisfied with his calling, was the peculiar question put to Divisional Inspector Clark by a Chinese constable named Lau Pak-yeung at the Central Magistracy this morning when charged with desertion.

Inspector Clark said the man joined the Force for five years on June 26, 1925, and was stationed at Pokfulam. He deserted on October 4, 1925, and was arrested last night at Yaumati, where he was employed as a washerman at the "Team Laundry."

Asked why he deserted, the defendant replied that he went on board the Fusan Maru to see a friend and the ship sailed with him.

Inspector Clark pointed out to Mr. Grantham, the Magistrate, that the boat only went as far as Swatow and the man could have returned and given himself up again. A matter of being absent for one or two days would not have been so serious.

The defendant asked the Inspector if a policeman could "buy himself out" of the Force, and was told that such a thing had never been heard of in those terms. If a constable wished to resign before the completion of his term of contract, he could do so by paying one month's salary for every year not completed.

The defendant was convicted and fined \$50, or one month's imprisonment.

FORMER BANISHEE SENTENCED.**ATTEMPT TO STEAL \$50 IN BANKNOTES.**

Charging a Chinese, before Mr. Grantham at the Central Magistracy this morning, with the attempted theft of \$50, Sub-Inspector McWalter said the man was an ex-banished and that he attempted to rob another Chinese in Queen's Road by taking \$50 from the man's breast pocket, under cover of his hat.

The complainant, however, seized him, and the accused threw the notes on the ground, only \$35 being recovered. The defendant had returned from banishment for one year.

Mr. Grantham imposed a sentence of six months' imprisonment.

NEW MINISTER TO BRAZIL.**MR. WILLIAM SEEDS NEW APPOINTED.**

London, Jan. 6.

H.M. the King has approved the appointment of Mr. William Seeds, His Majesty's High Commissioner on the Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Rio de Janeiro.—*British Wire-Press.*

[Mr. Seeds entered the diplomatic service in 1904 and has served at Washington, Peking, Athens, Lisbon, Berlin and Munich. He was Minister to Colombia, 1923-25; to Caracas, 1925-26; and to Albania, 1926-28.]

ST. GEORGE'S BALL A BIG SUCCESS.**ENJOYABLE FUNCTION AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL.****PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.**

All who attended the St. George's Ball at the Peninsula Hotel last night were loud in their praise of the excellence of the arrangements made for the guests. In particular, the charm and simplicity of the decorations were commented upon, the Rose Room being most effectively adorned. All who had a hand in the arrangements are to be commended, in which connexion a word of special praise is due to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. S. T. Bullin) for the large amount of preliminary work he put in.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clement were met, on emerging from the lift on the sixth floor, by the President of the Society (Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton), and, headed by Beefeaters in colourful costumes, they were escorted into the Rose Room, their approach being announced by a fanfare of bugles played by men of the Somerset Light Infantry. On reaching the dais, the party were received by Mrs. Shenton, Mrs. Southern, Mrs. Hallifax, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Bird. Dancing began almost immediately, with the State Lancers.

After the eighth dance, the Official Party proceeded to the dining room for supper, being preceded by Beefeaters. On entering, they were greeted with the strains of "The Roast Beef of Old England." During the supper, the host's head was brought in with customary ceremony by Mr. A. M. Thornhill.

St. George and England.

Proposing the toast "St. George and England," the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton said: "Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my privilege to-night to propose the Toast of 'St. George and England'—a toast that goes straight to the heart of every Englishman and Englishwoman in whatever part of the world they may be. It brings a thrill to youth and a consolation to age—a thrill to youth because it recalls to mind a vast panorama of great achievement, valiant deeds and a glorious history, a consolation to age because by reason of matured experience, one appreciates to the full the great advantage conferred by being English and all that it carries with it."

St. George's Day falls on the 23rd of April and it has been our custom to take the opportunity of entertaining His Majesty's fighting forces in some form or other on that day, but to hold our annual ball when weather conditions are more reminiscent of the home land. We usually select the 6th of January—Twelfth Night, as we have done this year.

The Society of St. George exists for the purpose of strengthening the sentiment of English nationality and cohesiveness and to stimulate the bonds which unite all Englishmen throughout the Empire and indeed the world.

Patriotism.

The Society of St. George stands for patriotism. Now what is patriotism? Patriotism is more than a sentiment. It is a conviction based upon a comprehension of the duties of a citizen to his country, and a determination

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FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE.**YOUTH TRIES TO GET MONEY WITH FALSE CHOP.****TOO OLD TO BE CANED.**

Presenting a letter bearing a forged chop, a young Chinese attempted to obtain a sum of \$60 from a student of the Kowloon College, Nathan Road, under the pretext that he had received instructions from the lad's father to collect the sum in settlement of a transaction in pigs which took place in the country.

The student, however, instantly observed that the letter was not in either his father's or brother's hand-writing, while the chop was not that of his parent's firm. He accordingly handed the supposed messenger from the country to the police, who brought a charge of attempting to obtain money under false pretences against him.

The arrested man was brought, on remand, before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, and on conviction of the charge, he was fined \$100, or two months' hard labour in default.

The defendant intimated that he had received the letter from the complainant's brother in the country, but the relative from Tai Ping went into the witness box and denied that he ever handed the defendant any letter for delivery. He further denied that the letter, which the defendant had produced, was written by him or that it bore his firm's chop.

In fining the defendant, his Worship remarked that he was young but that his act almost amounted to forgery, which was a more serious offence than the one with which he was charged.

Before leaving the dock the defendant asked if the imprisonment could not be altered to a caning, but his Worship said he was too old for caning.

WOMAN'S CLAIM TO "JOURNEY'S END."**ACCUSATION THAT WAR PLAY WAS STOLEN.**

New York, Nov. 23.

An action alleging that Mr. R. C. Sherriff's play, "Journey's End," was stolen from the manuscript of her three-act war play, "Flags and Flowers," copyright in 1927, has been filed in the United States District Court by Mrs. Katherine Burke Sherman.

She describes herself as "a writer of dramatic compositions, short war stories, and novellas for children," and is claiming \$40,000 and an account of the profits from Mr. Sherriff, Mr. Gilbert Miller (producer) and Messrs. Brentano (publishers of the play in book form).

Her application states that, "Owing to lack of funds she is compelled to draw up and issue her own bill of complaint." She admits that her play was rejected by the Theatre Guild and by all the managers to whom she sent it.

REMO HELD UP BY BAD WEATHER.**MOTOR SHIP WITH TRADE DELEGATION ABOARD.**

The Italian motor vessel Remo, which is carrying a party of about 30 Italian business men to Japan, is more overdue. She left Singapore on January 1 and was due to arrive in Hongkong yesterday. Owing to adverse weather conditions, she has been delayed. A message was yesterday received by Messrs. Dodwell, the agents for this vessel, that she would arrive at noon today.

She had not made an appearance at noon to-day, and on enquiry at Messrs. Dodwell's, it was found that no further message had been received from the vessel. Probably she will be a few hours late.

CANADA AND NAVAL CONFERENCE.**DELEGATE & EXPERT LEAVE ON FRIDAY.**

Ottawa, Jan. 6.

Colonel Ralston, the Minister for National Defence, is leaving for England on Friday to represent Canada on the Naval Disarmament Conference.

Commander Ross, Chief Executive Officer of the Naval Branch, will be the Canadian expert.—*Reuter.*

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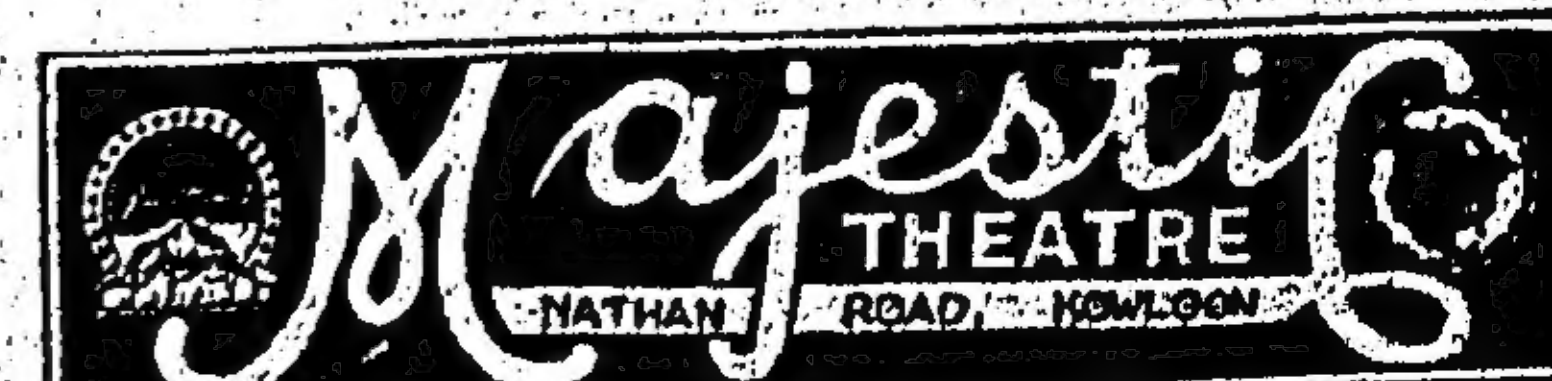
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GARRISON NEWS.

FULL PROGRAMME OF SOCCER MATCHES.

Quite a number of football matches, both in the Hongkong Area Football League and the China Fleet Football League, were decided yesterday afternoon, and all the available grounds were utilized.

Something of a surprise was provided by the R.A.O.C., who were unfortunate in losing by the odd goal in three at Chatham Road. "B" Company, S.I.L., are second in the League, whilst the R.A.O.C. occupy a very humble position near the other end of the Table. It was only a wet ball, and a slightly too-hurried punch by Williamson, that gave the Somersets their winning goal.

R.A.O.C. v. Williamson: Walker, Sanderson, Ryall, Bayly, Morgan; Clarke, Sansom, Jackson, Conter, McCrory.

"B" Coy., S.I.L.—Renno, Leysham, Huish, Saverge, Legge, Townsend; Palmer, Rendall, Dennard, Hicks, Cotton.

The Somersets, after some end-to-end play, came back, and forced four corners in quick succession, Williamson doing very well to save a hard ground shot from Hicks, and to put past the goal. The fourth corner was headed over the bar and the Ordinance breathed again. A later attack by the Somersets saw Sanderson miss trapping a ball, for Dennard to rush through after Williamson had come out of the goal to clear. Dennard had little difficulty in putting the ball into the net.

Play for the remainder of the first half was mostly of the end-to-end type, with neither side being able to pierce the defence of the other.

The Somersets set about the game at the commencement of the second half, and the Ordinance were fortunate to have Walker in front of goal when Dennard sent in a hard shot, with Williamson out of position. It was then the Ordinance turn to press, and Conter's passes were just too far forward for Jackson and Sansom to reach. A corner to the Somersets, and a lot of headwork in the goal-mouth, ended in Palmer sending past the post. The Ordinance forced a corner on the right, but the flag-kick was cleared, and the Somersets came down the field again, for Sanderson to kick into touch to clear. The Somersets continued their pressure, and Williamson was very unlucky to turn a corner-kick into his own goal. The ball hit the back of his hand as he was fasting out.

Play was taken from one end of the field to the other, and a good movement by the Somersets right wing ended in the ball being sent to Cotton, whose heavy drive hit the post and rebounded into play. Just afterwards, some pressure on the Ordinance left wing resulted in Bayly coming up to send in a hard shot that was just inside the post from an awkward angle. This success heartened the Ordinance, but they had little further chance to score. The Somersets missed another goal just before full-time, when a pass from Palmer went right across the goal-mouth, with no one to give it a flick at right angles.

"D" Co., K.O.S.B. v. 12th B.Y. R.A.

"D" Company, K.O.S.B. defeated 12th (B) Battery, R.A., by three goals to nil at Pokfulam yesterday afternoon. Teams:

12th Battery—Grey; Smith, Hall; Wilkins, Wood, Walker; Radford, Bridgeman, Allen, Taylor, Hayball. "D" Coy., K.O.S.B.—Allen; McKie, Fount, Beattie, Maxwell, Wilson; Gillan, Gordon, McHurry, Miller, Kilbride.

The Borderers were soon forcing the pace, and early obtained a corner, whence McHurry hit the post with a hard drive. A second attempt proved successful, and the same player scored with a shot that Grey could not hold. The Artillerymen had a turn at attacking, but Allen saved a hard shot of Radford's, and the Borderers made a break-away from a free-kick, for McHurry again to score. He was perhaps a little wide from only five yards range, with only Grey to beat. Half-time arrived with no further score.

McHurry was soon in the picture again, on the resumption. After pressure by the Borderers and the omission of another corner, he shot hard. Grey partially cleared, and McHurry had another drive, which hit the under-side of the bar and rebounded into the playing pitch. Some play at each end of the field ensued, and a melee in front of goal gave Kilbride an empty net to shoot at, and he scored his side's third goal when the Borderers seemed to have tired the Commers out.

"C" Co., K.O.S.B. v. R.E. & Signals. "C" Company, K.O.S.B. defeated the R.E. and R. Signals team by four goals to nil at Happy Valley. Two goals were scored in each half.

Teams: R.E. and R. Signals—Penny; Gillott, Perry; Palmer, Grovener, Dolling; Higgins, Maynard, Cotton, Sablin, Withers.

"C" Coy., K.O.S.B.—Hughes; Gear, Gorrin; Docherty, Davy, Kidd; Cox, Hulme, Drury, McDougall, Spalding.

For the first twenty minutes neither side seemed to have accustomed themselves to the play, and the game remained in midfield, with the Borderers having slightly the better of matters. Hulme gave the Borderers the lead, the ball striking Perry and goal scored. Evans was the scorer of the lone goal, though a game should have produced more than the one score.

INTERNATIONAL GOLF IN CANTON.

SCOTLAND'S EASY WIN OVER AMERICA.

Canton, Jan. 6. Scotland defeated America by 9½ points to 2½ in the first of the international matches played off over the Tung Shan Recreation Club's golf course yesterday.

Playing singles in the morning over 18 holes, Scotland won four out of six matches, lost one and halved one. Counting one point for each match, Scotland stood at 4½ to America's 1½ at the fifth interval.

In the afternoon, playing foursomes over 18 holes, each match counting two points, Scotland won three matches out of four and halved one. Details of the results are as follows:

Scotland.	
Wm. Galloway	1
J. M. Walker	1
A. T. Lay	0
L. C. Weir	1
Capt. R. O. Rutherford	½
Total	
Wm. Galloway & Capt. R. O. Rutherford	2
J. T. Smith & A. T. Lay	2
J. M. Walker & L. C. Weir	1
Total	
9½	

America.	
C. E. Sandstrom	0
K. L. Dugan	0
Manning	0
B. B. Anthony	0
Wm. P. Gilman	0
P. T. Carey	½
Total	
C. E. Sandstrom & P. T. Carey	0
B. B. Anthony & Manning	0
K. L. Dugan & Wm. P. Gilman	1
Total	
2½	

LOST GOLF BALLS.

WRONG IMPRESSION CORRECTED.

The Committee of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club regret very much that in the report of the Club's Annual General Meeting that appeared in the local Press a reference was made that seemed to reflect on the Country Club (therein described as the International Club).

The Committee of the R.H.G.C. are quite satisfied that balls lost on their courses are not on sale or offered for sale on the premises or courses of the Country Club and are assured that they have the sympathetic co-operation of the officials of the Country Club who will do all that is possible to prevent the sale of used balls to their members in the vicinity of the Club.

A CRICKET RECORD.

DON BRADMAN COMPILES 452 NOT OUT.

Sydney, Jan. 6. A world's cricket batting record has been established by Don Bradman, namely 452 not out, while playing for New South Wales against Queensland.

[The previous records in first class cricket were:

377, by W. H. Ponsford, at Melbourne in 1927, in a match between Victoria and Queensland.

365 not out, by C. Hill, at Adelaide in 1900, in a match between South Australia and New South Wales.

In other than first class cricket, A. E. J. Collins scored 628 not out in 1899, playing in a Clifton College junior house match.]

were hard-pressed for the remainder of the first half except for one or two break-aways by Withers and Sablin. The Engineers bestirred themselves in the second half, and for the first ten minutes had matters all their own way, though they could not quite get past the Borderers' backs, and thereafter the Borderers dominated the play. McDougall scored the third goal from short distance after receiving a pass from Spalding. A run down by Withers and a centre to Cotton looked likely to end in the Engineers scoring, but Hughes fluted out to give a corner, of which advantage was not taken. At the other end, Higgins gave away a penalty, of which Davey took advantage to score the fourth and last goal for the Borderers. They continued their pressure up to the final minute, and ran out rather easy winners.

Navy Matches.

In the China Fleet League, two matches were played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

Tamar and Somme played a goal-less draw in a good game, whilst the frigates defeated Bruce by the only goal scored. Evans was the scorer of the lone goal, though a game should have produced more than the one score.

CINEMA NOTES.

BROADWAY ROAR IN "SPEAKEASY."

Things happen now when actors and actresses who appear in motion pictures walk through scenes and slam doors, break dishes, talk out loud or do a hundred odd things which causes an aggravated air condition resulting in a noise. Because Fox Movietone has its celluloid car cocked for just such happenings, the great motion picture-going public is treated to such normal sounds when a picture is viewed on the screen.

"Speakeasy," which is now on view at the Queen's Theatre, is an all-dialogue, Fox Movietone production. The actors and actresses speak, the elevated trains roar through scenes, actually roar, the clatter of the city traffic clatters, the tinkle of glass is real, the staccato exhaust of the automobile thrums the ear drums, the discharge of a pistol is vibrant and scores of other audible noises are brought out in full actuality as the theme of the story unfolds in picture form.

In the leading roles of "Speakeasy" are two players, Paul Page and Lola Lane, drafted from successful New York stage productions. Henry B. Walthall, veteran stage and screen star, appears in a major role as does Helen Ware, Sharon Lynn, Warren Hymer, Stuart Erwin, Erville Alderson and James Guilfoyle. Benjamin Stoloff directed the production.

Dolores Del Rio Has Great Role.

After an absence of nearly a year, Dolores Del Rio's rare talent and beauty are to grace the screen of the Queen's Theatre again on Thursday, when "Evangeline," her latest United Artists picture, makes its local debut.

To film fans who revelled in the beauty and impressive drama of "Resurrection" and the tender romantic episodes of "Ramona," Edwin Carewe, producer-director, of all Miss Del Rio's starring plays, promises that "Evangeline" will surpass the actress' finest previous efforts.

Dealing with the romance of Evangeline and Gabriel, Longfellow's immortal lovers, and the tragic days when the Acadians, a peaceable people settled at Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, were torn from their homes and deported to various sections of the United States, "Evangeline" is said to offer a soul-stirring dramatic tragedy and a romance marked by endearing love and willing sacrifice.

One of the most elaborate productions of recent years, Miss Del Rio's new play demands the utmost of the artist's talents and the support of an excellent cast of dramatic players. Among the most dominant characters of American literature, Evangeline's adventure in Acadia and in her search for Gabriel which led her through many states of the Eastern coastline, have likewise required settings of unusual natural beauty, and historical accuracy. More than six months were required to photograph "Evangeline" and it is said that the screen play written by Finis Fox and produced by Mr. Carewe while following Longfellow's world-famous poem faithfully, develops to the fullest extent incidents which the poet has treated only as a lyrical narrative.

Roland Drew, who played Felipe in "Ramona," is seen as Gabriel in this new Del Rio starring play. Alec B. Francis, veteran character actor, has been cast as Father Pelletier, counsel and comrade to the grief-stricken Acadians. Donald Reed essays the role of Baptiste, Gabriel's rival for the love of Evangeline. Paul McAllister, James Marcus, George Marion, Bobby Mack, Lee Shumway and Lou Payne complete the list of principal players. Several thousands of supernumeraries, including early 700 direct descendants of the early Acadian settlers of Louisiana, appear in the picture.

LAND SPEED RECORD.

KAYE DON HOPES TO BETTER SEGRAVE'S MARK.

London, Jan. 6. The famous British racing motorist, Kaye Don, who expects to make an attempt this year on the world's land speed record of 231 miles an hour held by Sir Henry Segrave, yesterday tested in a racing car the suitability of Pendine Sands, Carmarthenshire, for such an effort.

He kept his visit secret, in order to have the seven miles stretch of sands clear. He used a Sunbeam Tiger car, in which Sir Henry Segrave won the world's record in 1926, and although it was raining and a gale was blowing he drove over the course at 155 miles an hour. The sands were too wet to enable him to form a definite opinion on their suitability, and he will make a further test, after consulting the designer, on the acceleration and deceleration of the Sunbeam 4,000 H.P. Silver Bullet, which has been constructed for an attempt on the world's record.—British Wireless.

HOCKEY.

CLUB DE RECREIO'S TEAM FOR TO-DAY'S MATCH.

The following will represent Club de Recreio in a hockey match against the Y.M.C.A. 1st XI at King's Park to-day, at 5 p.m. sharp.—C. Barros, F. M. Silva, D. C. Alves, H. R. Pinna, F. Barros, F. V. Ribeiro, J. A. de V. Soares, H. Noronha, A. M. Xavier, A. P. Eca da Silva and F. J. Remedios.

Club "A" v. H.K.S.R.A.

The following will represent the H.K. Hockey Club "A" team against the H.K. and S.R.A. at King's Park on January 10, at 5 p.m. (sharp).—G. E. Moors, L. A. B. Duncan, G. Rankine, (Capt.) H. Marlowe, R. W. Skipp, N. W. Lasonder, S. Fox, Maj. Kerrick, L. G. Frost, N. Hazel and R. W. Sapsed.

Ladies Teams.

The following team will represent the Hongkong Ladies Hockey Club in a match against the Hongkong University on Wednesday, on the University ground, fully of 6.15 p.m.—G. E. Little, P. Carter, E. Gray, F. D. C. Luck, F. Webster, M. L. Wallace, A. E. Steele, J. L. Whyte, N. A. McNeillie, C. M. Ferguson, M. Bishop.

On Saturday the 1st XI will play a match against H.M.S. Kent on the Naval ground, Happy Valley, at 3 p.m. The team is as follows.—P. D. C. Luck, E. Gray, M. Bird, E. O'Hagan, E. R. Bell, M. L. Wallace, M. L. Wallace, A. E. Steele, J. L. Whyte, N. A. McNeillie, D. F. Stanton, M. Smalley, E. S. Laine.

The 2nd XI will play against the Club de Recreio 2nd XI at King's Park at 3 p.m. as follows.—M. Russell, J. Brown, B. V. Franklin, B. Taylor, F. Webster, M. King, S. Browning, E. Blackburn, C. M. Ferguson, J. L. Whyte, A. Steel.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1320 s.
Chartered Bank, £18 s.
Meroantile & B., £30 s.
East Asia \$95 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$695 b.
Union Ins., \$367 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$3 n.
China Fires, \$320 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$816 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$25 s.
H. K. Steamship, \$274 n.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats \$231 b.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$470 b.
Kallans, 55 s.
Langkots, Tls. 13.69 n.
Shal Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
Raubas, \$11.50 b.
Tronohs, 21/- b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$145 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$321 s.
China Providents \$5.65 n.
Hongkew, Tls 190 n.
New Engineerings, Tls. 7.50 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 101 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 161 s.
Orientals, Tls. 2.30 b.
Shal Cottons, Tls. 83 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$11.90 b.
H. K. Lands, \$654 s.
Shal Lands Tls. 161 n.
Humphreys, \$14 b.
Realities, \$9 s.
Chinese Estates \$98 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$19.20 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$11.75 n.
Star Ferries, \$71 n.
China Lights, (old) \$19.50 b.
H. K. Electric, \$694 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones \$8.75 b.
China Buses, Tls 151 b.
Singapore Tractions, 10/- s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$1 n.
Malabons, \$27 n.
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Canton Icons, \$2.50 n.
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United Asbestos \$5 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$21 s.
Watsons, \$11 s.
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Lane Crawford, \$2 b.
Mackintosh, \$18 b.
Sinceres, \$12 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$271 b.
Constructions, \$130 b.
Bique Ind. G. Bonds, 61%
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ST. GEORGE'S BALL A BIG SUCCESS.

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loyalty to perform such duties. Patriotism is love of country, born of familiarity with its history, reverence for its institutions, and faith in its possibilities; it is evidenced by obedience to its laws and respect for its flag.

Before the Great War it was the fashion to say that Great Britain had become a country of walloons, but Britons were strong, strong with the strength of the race, to command, to obey, to endure, yes, to endure to the very end, and to come out of that war with victory complete on land, by sea, and in the air. And I know that every one of you here will join with me in saying that the highest peak of chivalry was reached in the wonderful episode of Zeebrugge, that deed of magnificent courage and dauntless audacity, which we celebrate on St. George's Day.

Spirit Of St. George.

St. George is representative of individual effort and in these somewhat safety-first days we want more of the spirit of St. George. There are still plenty of dragons to slay, and I venture to suggest that St. George did not sit on a committee and vote for somebody else to slay them. We need a little less dreaming about an idealistic future and a little more study of a practical past.

I think one of the defects of some English people is that they are a little too apt to depreciate their own country. Especially is this done by those who stay at home. By travelling one sees the shortcomings of other countries, and you discover your own country is really rather better than you thought it was. The idea I wish to express was happily put by Wordsworth:—

"I travelled among unknown men
In lands beyond the sea.
England! I never knew till then
The love I bore for thee!"

We in Hongkong have long ago learnt what England means to us.

Shakespeare.

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This royal throne of kings, this scepter'd isle,

This earth of majesty, this seat of Mars,

This other Eden, demi-paradise,

This fortress built by Nature for herself

Against infection, and the hand of war,

This happy breed of men, this little world,

This precious stone, set in the silver sea,

Which serves it, in the office of a wall,

Or as a moat, defensive to a house,

Against the envy of less happier lands,

This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England.

On a night such as this our thoughts must inevitably dwell on Englishmen and as our Society is a Hongkong Society, on Englishmen connected with this Colony.

A Distinguished Englishman.

To-night there is a distinguished Englishman whom we wish to honour and that is our departing Governor His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi—we deeply regret that he is leaving us, we shall miss him greatly, but our heartfelt good wishes go out to His Excellency and Lady Clementi for their future success and prosperity and we shall watch with the greatest interest their future careers of usefulness in the cause of the British Empire.

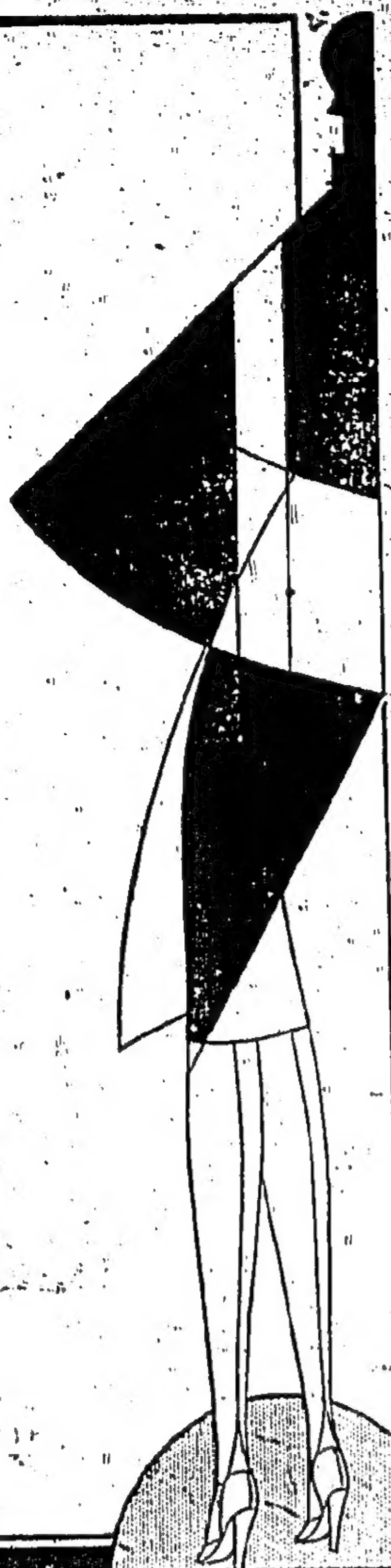
In conclusion I desire to thank all those who have assisted with the Ball to-night. The success of a President is measured by the efforts of those who assist him. My committees have been untiring in their efforts and I wish to thank them most cordially for all they have done.

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SHAUKIWAN RAIDS.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST CHINESE REVENUE MEN.

The case against four Chinese Revenue Officers, who are charged with stealing and demanding money with menaces from the occupants of two huts at Shauiwan and Taitaiwan Bay which they raided, it is stated without proper authority, in the early morning of December 29, was continued before Mr. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Chung Kwan, the occupant of the first hut, said that when the men entered his place, they took \$10 from him, after going through the process of a search for what he understood to be contraband opium. They then led him in handcuffs to a waiting car, and drove away with him to the hut at Taitaiwan.

Cross-examined, witness was unable to say whether the European Officer who accompanied the Chinese R.O.'s saw the theft. It was the second accused who put the handcuffs on him.

At the second hut, he saw Chung Tuen, the tenant, being surrounded at one time by the four Chinese Revenue Officers. They were not so closely grouped around Chung Tuen that he could not see the latter being searched and money taken from him. The money was placed on a table and all four men grabbed their portion.

Replying to a question, witness admitted that he had lost his nerve through being beaten all the way to the hut. Consequently he refrained from informing the European Officer of what he saw.

Opium Pot Found.

Chung Tuen, the owner of the hut at Taitaiwan, stated that on December 29, in the early morning, hearing a loud knock, he opened the door and admitted men whom he identified as the first three accused. A European officer also came in.

They stated they wanted to make a search, and leaving the European on the ground floor, the Chinese R.O.'s proceeded with witness up into the cockloft. Searching the place, they discovered the empty pot of opium exhibited in the Court, and demanded a thousand dollars of witness. He said he had not that amount, whereupon they hinted they would be satisfied with \$200. He replied that he had not even that amount but mentioned that there was a possibility of raising between \$40 and \$50 on the morrow. The third accused then threatened him with arrest.

A move was made into the ground floor, where, for the first time, witness saw the second accused. He was bringing into the hut a man in handcuffs whom he identified as Chung Kwan the owner of the other hut. The European officer who had remained behind on the ground floor while they were in the cockloft, was now asked to go up to the cockloft. In his absence, all four accused, then proceeded to search his person, taking from him a sum of \$47 made up of certain notes and silver dollars which witness detailed to the Court. The whole party later left the hut, the European officer bidding him "good morning" as he went away.

Replying to a question by Mr. Fitzroy, witness said he was given to understand that the search was for contraband opium, and the reason why he was willing to pay money to the accused was because he had an opium pipe in the hut which he sometimes used "on account of ill-health."

The case was adjourned.

THE SLOTTED WING.

HANDLEY PAGE AND CURTISS COMPANIES' DISPUTE.

New York, Jan. 6. The long-threatened international dispute over aviation patents may be precipitated by litigation following the recent award of the Guggenheim prize (for safety flying) to a Curtiss machine fitted with the slotted wing device.

The Handley Page entry came second, and the Handley Page concern has filed an action for damages, claiming the authorship and sole rights of slotted wings. The Curtiss company has retaliated, and obtained an injunction to prevent the Handley Page people dismantling their entry, pending a further appeal to the courts to enforce the order of 1921, perpetually enjoining the Handley Page Association not to bring aeroplanes to the United States.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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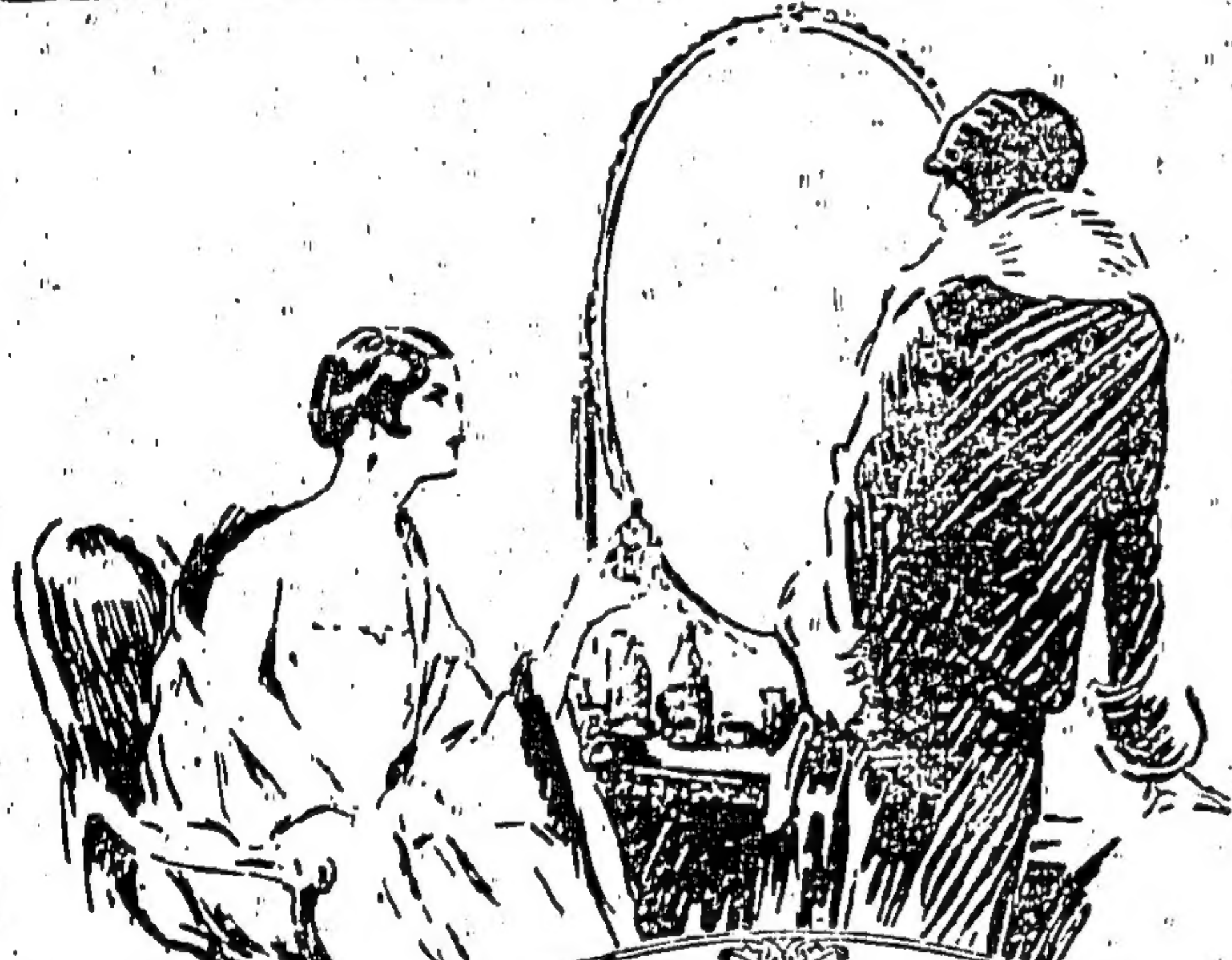
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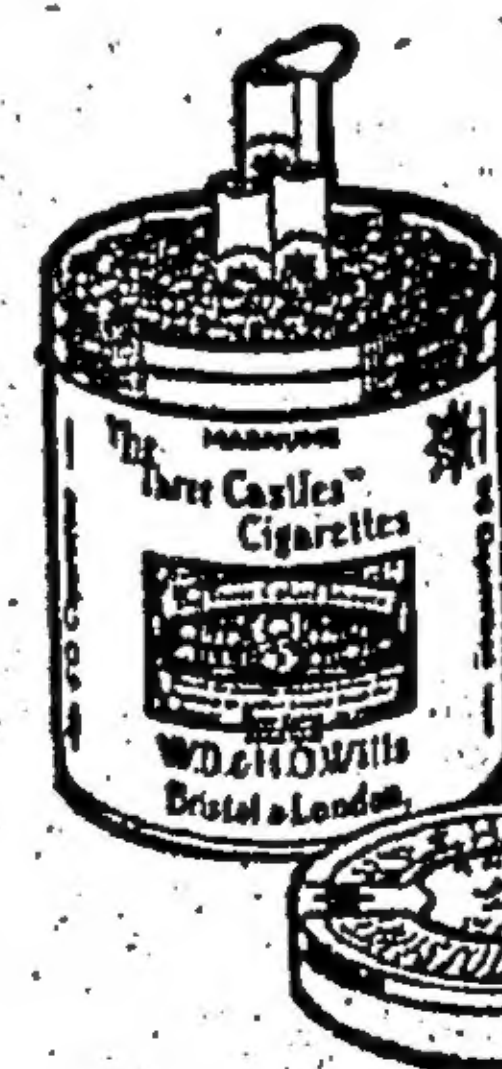
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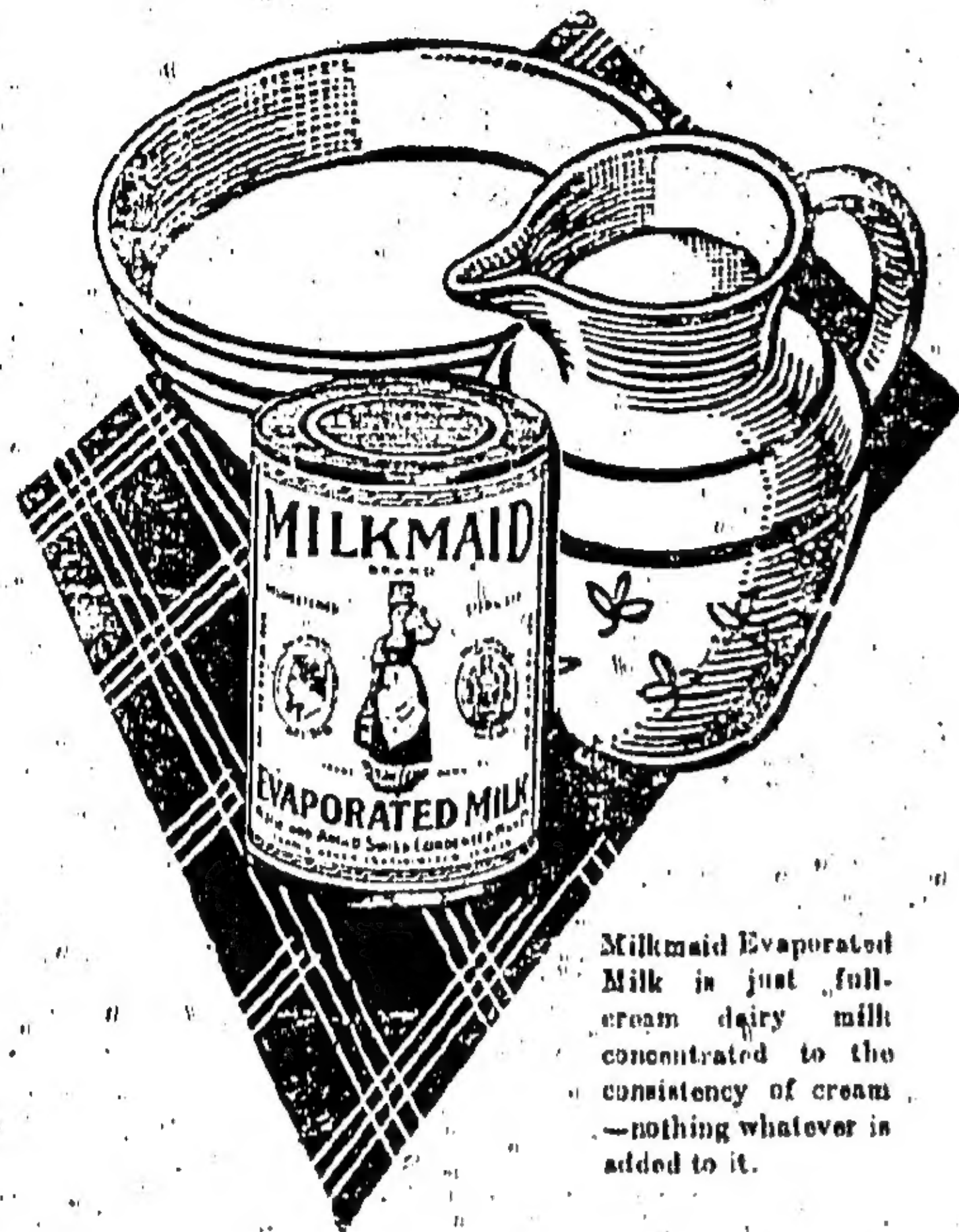
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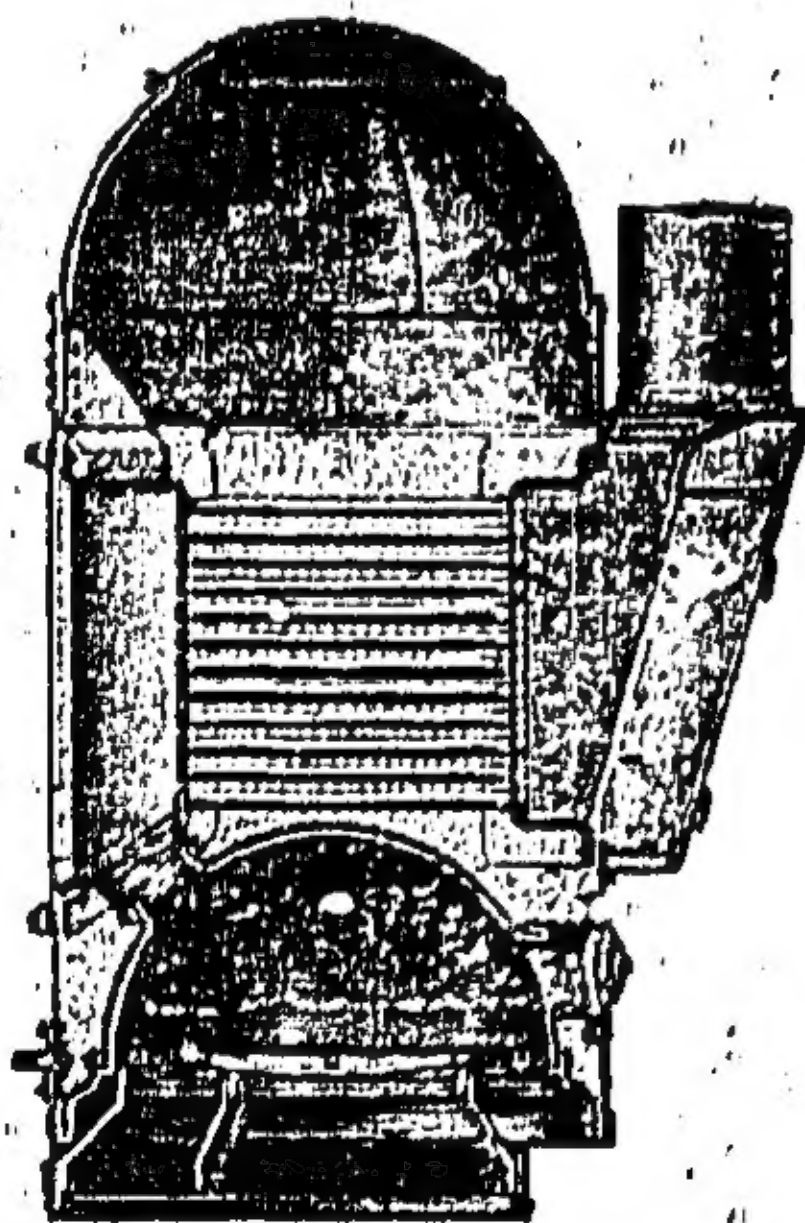


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H. M. Calve—Cello.
"Is it British?" (K. and G. Weston).
"I think of you,"
Norman Long, Humorous.
"Dawn of to-morrow,"
(Graville and Green).
"C'est Vous," (Green).
The Salon Group.
"Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 6,"
(Liszt).
Mitscha Levitzki.
"All thro' the night I think of you,"
(Pollack and Lively).
"For you alone," (Geehl).
Do Groot and the Piccadilly Orch.
"Why can't you,"
(De Sylva, Brown and Henderson).
"Little Pal,"
Gracie Fields, comedienne.
"The Mikado,"—Selection,
(Sullivan).
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.
"In an old-fashioned town,"
(W. H. Squire).
"Wait," (G. D'Hardelot).
John Turner, Tenor.
"I kiss your lips," (Rudolph).
"Salut D'Amour," (Elgar).
Marcel Weber and his Orchestra.
"An Autumn Serenade," (Bece).
"Poem," (Fibich).
Reginald Foort.
"One way street," (Tibor).
"Midnight bells," (Heuberger).
Do Groot and the Piccadilly Orch.
"Under the Banyan Tree," (Lee).
"The good little boy and the bad little boy," (Weston and Lee).
Norman Long, Humorous.
"Reminiscences of Scotland,"
(Arr. F. Godfrey).
The Band of H. M. Royal Air Force.
(a) Politeness. (b) Market Square.
(A. A. Milne, H. Fraser-Simson).
(a) Buckingham Palace. (b) The three foxes.
(A. A. Milne, H. Fraser-Simson).
George Baker.
"In a Garde Republicaine—March,"
(Emmerson).
"Wipers—March," (Darewski).
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.
"Oh, could I but express in song,"
(Malushkin).
"Sincerity," (Clarke).
Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone.
"Madam Butterfly,"—Selection,
(Puccini).
New Light Symphony Orchestra.
7.48 p.m. Weather report.
9.00 p.m. Chinese programme.
10.30 p.m. Close down.

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INDIAN PROBLEM.

MOST CRITICAL STAGE.

London, Jan. 6.

In India the Labour Government is steadily pursuing the path towards Dominion Status and the most critical stage of that development has now been reached, says the *Daily Herald* in drawing attention to the "inflammatory and most reprehensible language" used by certain public men in Britain in connexion with the Government's Indian policy.

The *Daily Herald* complains particularly about the recent attacks made by Lord Rothermere's journals against the Viceroy who "attitude to-day as a strong barrier between passionate extremes which, if allowed their way, would speedily reduce India to civil war and devastation."

The *Daily Herald* then turns to the "equally dangerous attempt to destroy the newly created Anglo-Russian friendship by the making of a mountain out of a molehill" regarding the Comintern's message to the new Communist paper published in London, the *Daily Worker*.—*Reuter.*

THE HUBER MILLIONS.

DIVISION AMONG AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS.

New York, Jan. 6.

The committee, including Mr. Calvin Coolidge, entrusted with the disposal of a legacy of six million dollars left by the late Mr. Conrad Huber, has decided to divide the bequest among thirty-three American institutions, on condition that equivalent sums are raised by voluntary contributions.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CRUISER ON ROCKS.

CAUSE OF MISHAP TO THE FRENCH WARSHIP.

Oran, Jan. 6.

It is now revealed that the French cruiser *Edgar Quinet*, which was reported yesterday to have gone aground in thick fog at Cape Blanc, struck an uncharted rock. Salvage of the warship is likely, but the work will be impeded by strong undercurrents.—*Reuter.*



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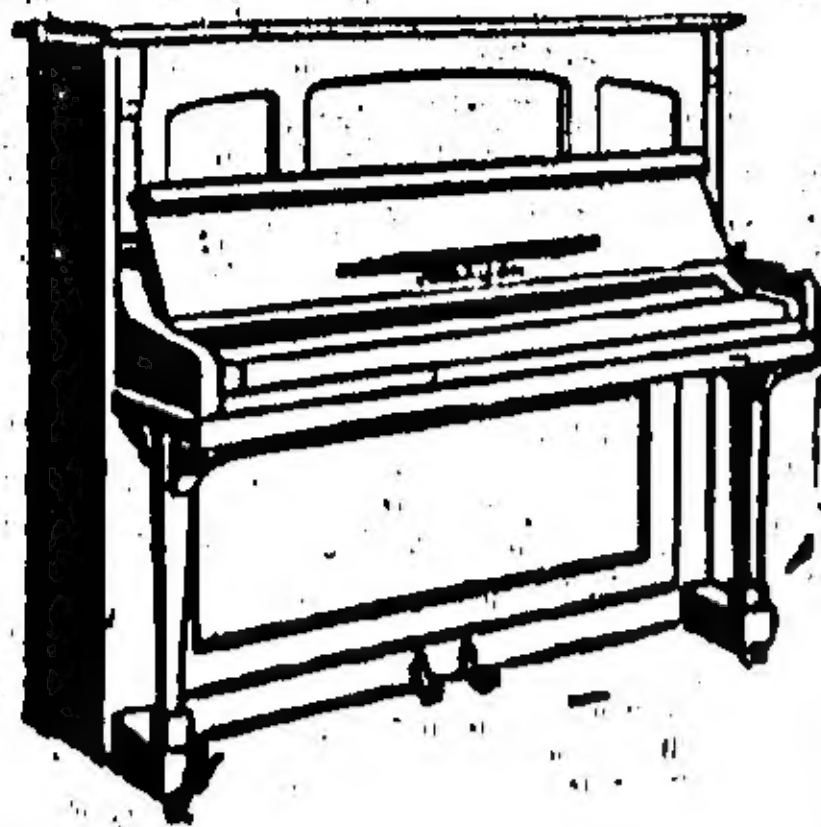
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CHAPTER XXXV.

Dundee's quiet question made Sevier's jaw drop, and a momentarily blank look took the place of frenzy in his eyes. Then he made a superb effort at recovery: "I hadn't done anything wrong. I had a right to go where I pleased. And I came back here as—soon as I knew the police were looking for me."

"You don't really expect me to believe that, do you, Sevier?" Dundee asked reasonably. "You had a ticket to Chicago. You ran to catch the train. But you left that train at the first stop, before the conductor had had time to collect your ticket. You were so broke that you could not even pay a three-days' board bill, were compelled to leave your violin with your landlady as security. And yet you wanted a ticket to Chicago, made no effort to cash it in at any ticket office in this state, although you could have done so if you had no fear of showing your face."

"Now, Sevier, I suggest that you tell me the truth about last Saturday night. If some of my conclusions are wrong, you can undoubtedly set me straight—by telling the whole truth. You fled from the Rhodes House grounds, that night because you knew Mrs. Hogarth was dead—murdered?"

"But I didn't kill her!" Sevier screamed. "And I don't know who did! But I know who was in on it!"

"Whom are you accusing, Sevier?"

"Who do you think?" Sevier leaned back in his hard straight chair, his chest heaving, a flame of hate and triumph in his red-rimmed eyes. "Cora Barker! That's whom I'm accusing," he mimicked Dundee's grammar. "I wouldn't have told on her if she hadn't tried to pin it on me. She wouldn't help me, after all that had been between us, after promising once to help me get hold of the money if I'd marry her, but she'd do the job for somebody else—some new sweetie, I guess."

For the first time since he had begun the inquiry of Emil Sevier Dundee felt a thrill of hope that his cherished theory of the murder was not yet wholly blasted by the capture of this suspect. He had been willing to acknowledge himself in the wrong but now hope gleamed in his bruised head. For, at his insistence, not all of Cora Barker's second story of the murder night had been given to the press or revealed in her preliminary pleading for bail after her arrest as a material witness. The public—and therefore Sevier, too, unless he had since been in communication with Cora—knew only that Sevier had impudently Cora to help him rob Mrs. Hogarth. Not even Cora's fellow-boarders knew she had admitted to being in the old woman's room after the murder and before the discovery of the body by Dundee.

"You say that Cora once agreed to help you rob Mrs. Hogarth?" Dundee interrupted. "When was that?"

"In May it was when I first got all het up over the idea," Sevier answered readily enough. "Cora was named in the old lady's will anyway, and I put it up to Cora that there wasn't any use us waiting around for her to die. The money wasn't doing Mrs. Hogarth any good—"

"I see. You were making plans to rob Mrs. Hogarth the night—May 18—when she saw you crawling out of Cora's window," Dundee prompted.

"Yes, but I don't know how you know so much!" Sevier agreed sullenly.

"What caused Cora to change her mind about helping you?"

"The old lady seeing me come out of Cora's room, of course. Cora tried to rush me into getting married to her right off, so the old lady wouldn't tell tales on her to the other boarders. But I said we'd get our hands on the money first, beat it, and then get married, when it was safe. Cora thought I was planning to stand her up after the job was done, and she wouldn't go ahead with it, unless I married her first."

Of course you had no intention of marrying Cora if she did help you," Dundee suggested casually.

Almost as if he were hypnotized, Sevier fell in with the suggestion. "Guess I wouldn't have married her, but I'd have split with her all right. Cora was too crazy about love-making to suit me."

There was a snicker from a policeman, and Sevier whirled toward the sound with a snarl. Dundee spoke quickly to divert him.

"I can understand your objection if you were not in love

with Cora. But now, Sevier, I'd like you to tell me exactly what you did and saw last Saturday night after 11 o'clock," he added, so cheerfully that the prisoner was incensed.

"You don't need to grin at me like that!" Sevier cried futilely. "I'll tell the truth all right, whether you believe me or not! I did go to the Rhodes House Saturday night, but it wasn't till half-past 11. Right up to the last minute I didn't have any intention of going, but—well, I was broke and I'd been fired, and I knew it might be a long time before I got a job, what with the talking movies having their own musical accompaniment, and all that. I had a notion I might still persuade Cora to help me—"

"I can't quite understand why you needed Cora's help so badly," Dundee interrupted. "It seems rather a one-man job to me, simply searching a helpless, sleeping old woman's room for hidden money."

"The plan was for Cora to give her just a tiny bit of chloroform, not enough to hurt her but enough to keep her asleep while we searched the room," Sevier explained. "Cora used to be a trained nurse when she was a young girl, and she knew how to do it. I was afraid to try it by myself, because I didn't want to take any chance on killing the old lady with an overdose. Cora said the smell would blow out of the room by morning, with the window open, and we thought Mrs. Hogarth wouldn't even know she'd been drugged. We sort of counted, too, on Mrs. Hogarth not looking for her money for several days—long enough to give us—me—a chance to get clear away. And she wouldn't have been able to say just when it was stolen either."

"A very clever scheme," Dundee commented without malice. "You had the chloroform, I suppose?"

"Yes, I'd had some for a long time—got it for a toothache," Sevier answered. "I threw it away—out of the train window."

"Suppose you begin" again, Sevier, at half-past 11 that night," Dundee interrupted.

"Well, I came up the alley and crawled along the driveway hedge till I got to the greenhouse. I wasn't going to try anything till Cora came home, because I thought maybe if I'd make love to her a little she'd still come across. A lot of the glass panes are broken in the greenhouse, and I could see the house and the front walk clear to the street. I had to wait so long for Cora to come home that I finally took a chance and smoked a cigarette, and I guess I folded that theatre programme, just like you said," Sevier conceded. "Cora was so late that I was about to give up and go on to the station, and I was nervous anyway, because the light was on in the corner room—that room I had when I boarded at the Rhodes House—and I knew I'd have to pass by Dowd's windows if I went to Cora's or Mrs. Hogarth's room by way of the upstairs porch. But the light went off finally—"

"When?" Dundee interrupted sharply.

"About 10 minutes to 12. I got a radium dial wristwatch and I kept looking at it, because Cora was so late. And then something else made me nervous—"

"What?" Dundee interrupted, a strange exultation in his voice.

"I didn't know then what it was, but now I guess it must have been that cap of Dusky's, because I didn't have it—never had the thing in my hands or on my head in my life. Anyway, somebody threw something from off the upstairs porch or out of a window, for it came sailing down into the hedge not far from the greenhouse. I was so nervous about what I was planning to do that I didn't sneak out to investigate—thought at the time it didn't amount to anything anyway—just one of the boarders throwing some thing away. Dowd had just turned his light off and I thought it was him."

"It appeared to come from that part of the upstairs porch?" Dundee pressed.

"Yes, but I didn't see it coming. I just heard it hit the hedge, and I dived out—that it came from Dowd's window."

Dundee considered for a moment, his eyes narrowed to blue slits, as he pictured the west side of the Rhodes House. If Sevier was telling the truth—and Dundee believed he was—the cap could have been thrown, so that it would strike the hedge, from one of three windows—Henry Dowd's, Lawrence Sharp's, or Norma Paige's.

"The something—whether the cap or not—was thrown soon after

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"Not very soon—maybe 10 minutes afterward. About 12 o'clock, I'd say," Sevier, almost at ease now, replied eagerly. "And it was exactly 10 minutes after 12 when Cora at last came up the walk. The greenhouse isn't near enough to the front porch for me to have attracted her attention, and I didn't try. I just waited till I was sure she'd had time to get to her room, and then I climbed the rose trellis. I left my straw hat on the ground by the trellis, and when I came back down I stepped on it and smashed it. But that's getting ahead of my story," Sevier caught himself up.

"I climbed up as noiseless as I could—I broke the trellis coming down, not going up—and when I got onto the porch I saw that Mrs. Hogarth's light was on. If I'd known that before, I climbed up, I'd never have done it, but I couldn't see her light from the greenhouse. I started to turn back then, but I listened and didn't hear a sound, except Dowd snoring—"

"You're sure of that?" Dundee interrupted sharply.

"Sure! He'd had plenty of time to get to sleep, because he'd turned out his light more'n 20 minutes

before I got up there," Sevier answered. "He was snoring wood, all right, and that was the only sound there was. I figured that maybe the old lady had come to sleep with her light on, or that she wouldn't hear me if I crawled on my hands and knees to Cora's window. When I got to Mrs. Hogarth's window I raised up on my knees and looked in. And there was Cora doing something at the old lady's desk—seemed to me later like she was looking for something in an awful hurry—but I didn't look at Cora much then, because I could see that Mrs. Hogarth had been—was—dead—"

"And a sudden agony seized the prisoner's limbs."

"How could you tell?" Dundee prodded. "Her back was toward the window."

"Yes, but she was in a low-backed arm chair and I could see something black—that scarf she used to throw over the parrot—it was in a knot at the back of her neck, it was and her head all rolled over like her neck was broken."

Sevier shivered again and raised his manacled hands to press them against his trembling mouth.

"And then you spoke to Cora, of course?" Dundee suggested quickly.

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MISUSE OF HORN.

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The continuous sounding of a motor cycle horn for other than traffic purposes was severely commented upon by Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Peter Silva was charged with sounding the horn of his cycle in Nathan Road to the annoyance of the neighbours.

The defendant denied the charge. Sub-Inspector Nicols gave evidence that he heard the defendant continuously sound his horn in Nathan Road in the vicinity of the Majestic Theatre on the evening of November 27. Witness heard the horn sounded on eight occasions.

The defendant intimated that he had no questions to ask, causing his Worship to enquire if it was his defence that, although he had sounded his horn, it had not annoyed anybody.

The defendant replied in the affirmative and remarked that he had made an arrangement to call a friend from his house by sounding the horn twice. He thought that his friend did not hear the horn the first time and he (the defendant) might have tapped the horn again.

His Worship remarked that it was a very bad arrangement and one which he did not believe in. Horns were for traffic purposes and it was very terrifying for residents if people continually sounded horns outside their houses. Some people were more sensitive than others and it was especially bad for persons who might be suffering from (ill-health) to be disturbed by the noise.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$5.

Hand Trucks to Go.

On mention being made before his Worship of several Chinese, who were summoned for driving small hand trucks without licences, Sub-

TO FETCH LORANG.

POLICEMEN LEAVE LONDON FOR PARIS.

London, Jan. 6. Two London policemen are leaving for Paris to bring back Francis Lorang, chairman of the Bluebird petrol companies, who was arrested by a police officer in Paris at the end of a ride on a merry-go-round. His arrest was effected on a warrant issued in London months ago.

A message from Paris states that the French Police are taking special measures to prevent Lorang's escape.—Reuter.

Inspector Nicol intimated that licences would not be issued for trucks such as those which the defendants had been in charge of. They comprised small carts on four tiny wheels, which were so narrow that they caused much damage to the road surface.

In reply to his Worship, the officer mentioned that the larger two wheel hand trucks, which were in common use, were being gradually taken off the road. The licences were being decreased every year and the small four wheel trucks were being put on the roads in great numbers.

In some of the cases the defendants pointed out that their trucks were very small and they did not know it was necessary to get licences.

His Worship, taking their pleas into consideration, fined each of the defendants \$5.

Driver's Good Fortune.

In the absence of Sub-Inspector McWalter, who had only recently recovered from an illness, a Chinese motor driver, who had appeared before his Worship on two previous occasions to answer a summons of driving in a manner dangerous to the public, was fined \$10.

When the summons was called, his Worship intimated that the defendant had already appeared on

C.E.R. CONTROL.

OVER 1,000 RUSSIANS TO BE REINSTATED.

Peking, Jan. 6. A message from Harbin states that M. Simanovsky has taken over Soviet Consular affairs from M. Stobbe, the German Consul, and has again hoisted the hammer and sickle flag.

Since the release of Soviet prisoners in Harbin more than 1,000 men who were dismissed by the Chinese last July and August have applied to M. Rudy, requesting reinstatement in the railway's employ. It is reliably stated that they will all be reinstated with full salaries for the period they have been under detention.

General Mo Teh-hui, the new Tuom of the Chinese Eastern Railway, arrived in Harbin on Sunday to take up his duties. It is expected that he will leave for Moscow on or about January 10th. to attend a Sino-Soviet conference.—Reuter.

Resumption of Service.

Tokyo, Jan. 6. A message from Harbin states that according to a C. E. R. announcement, the eastern section will be opening for traffic on January 10, the western section on January 15, and the international trains over the whole railway on January 20.—Reuter.

two previous occasions and it would be hard on him to make him appear again next week when Sub-Inspector McWalter would be able to be present in Court.

The defendant, having pleaded guilty to the charge, it was suggested that his Worship should impose a fine instead of asking him to appear again next week.

In fining the defendant \$10, his Worship pointed out that that was only because the complainant was not in Court and he (the Magistrate) did not know the exact nature of the dangerous driving.



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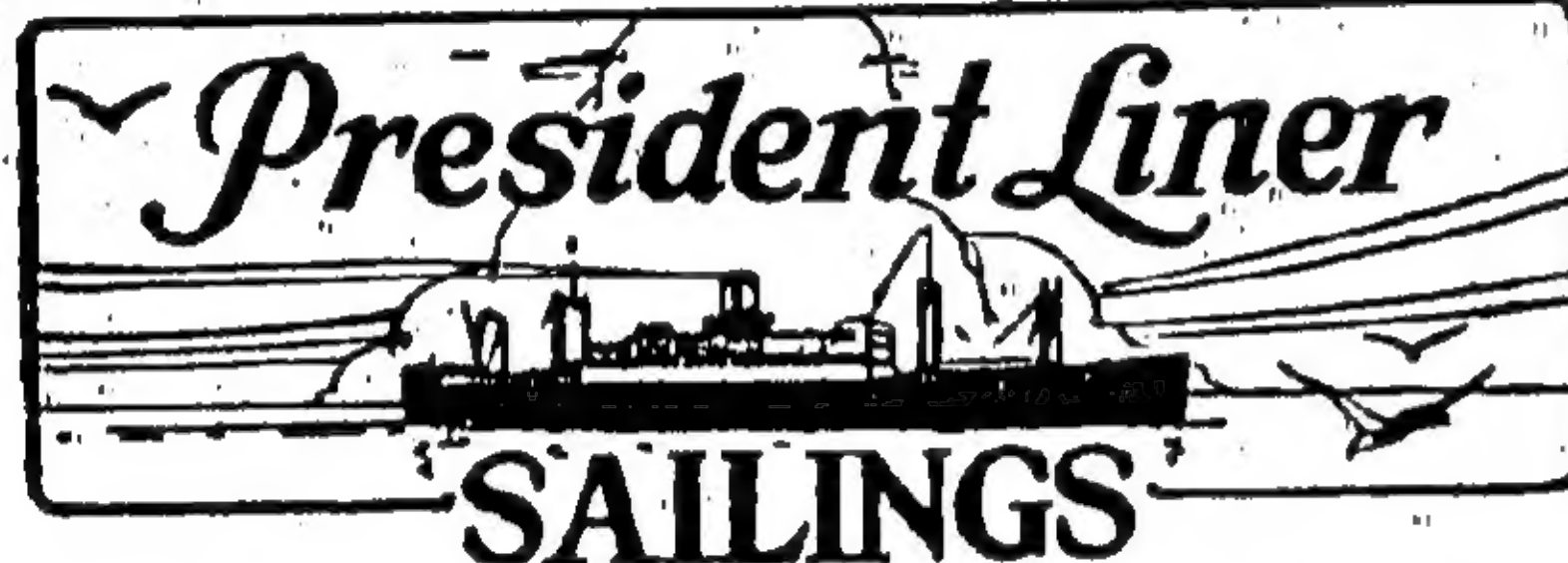
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OBITUARY.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN BRITISH JUDGE.

London, Jan. 6.

Sir Montague Shearman, the well-known Judge, died this morning, aged seventy-three.

Until his recent retirement, he had been a Judge in the King's Bench Division since 1914. In his earlier days he was a prominent athlete.—British Wireless.

[Sir Montague Shearman was born in 1857, and was educated at Merchant Taylors' and at St. John's College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1881, and became a K. C. in 1903. He was knighted in 1914. His prowess in Rugby football and on the running track in his college days was exceptional, and his publications included joint authorship of the standard history of football.]

INDIAN SHIPPING.

REASON FOR FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE.

New Delhi, Jan. 6.

The failure of the Shipping Conference is officially ascribed to differences between the British and the Indian shipping interests.—Renter.

[It was announced on January 4 that the Shipping Conference convened by the Government of India had failed. It held private sittings under the presidency of Lord Irwin and was understood to be discussing the Coastal Reservation Bill which aims at the protection of Indian shipowners' interests. The Indian delegates at the Conference expressed dissatisfaction at the alleged absence of any provision on the part of the Government for the progressive increase of Indian tonnage and for the promotion of the interests of the Indian Mercantile Marine.]

PRETTY WEDDING AT CATHEDRAL.

(Continued from Page 2.)

the past two years the bride has become thoroughly domesticated and is not only quite capable of superintending the household work and keeping the cook up to scratch, but also of saving any money left over each month for the housekeeping expenses for the purchase of the best blackwood furniture that can be acquired in any market, open or closed (laughter). What more can any man expect?

"We now come to Lot 2," continued Mr. Scott Harston, amid renewed laughter and applause. "The bridegroom stands before you, 6 ft. 3 ins. in his stockinged feet—you can't miss him—a veritable Adonis and true sportsman (applause). His sportsmanship has, I think, brought him one asset which he may find useful in his wedded career. I refer to the fact that as a starter at race meetings he has learned how to enforce control. However, the bride need not be alarmed for his nature is gentle and his spirit kind (laughter and applause). He will use the snaffle, not the curb, and remembering the famous advice of Mr. Jorrocks will 'be to her faults a little blind, and to her virtues ever kind' (applause)."

Concluding, Mr. Scott Harston said he was not a Mason but if he might use what he believed was a Masonic term he would ask them to charge their glasses and join him in drinking to the health, happiness and prosperity of the bride and bridegroom, with the hope that the best of luck might attend them.

Bridegroom's Response.

The toast was drunk enthusiastically, after which the bridegroom replied. He said that after the wonderful flow of words from Mr. Scott Harston, he felt that he could not say very much, but he thanked them all for the wonderful response they had given to the toast. He said he desired specially to thank Mr. and Mrs. Dyer for the kindness shown to his wife during the last two years and also the kindness and hospitality extended to himself any time he had visited them. The bridegroom remarked, amid applause, "I think the kindest thing they ever did was to bring Leila out from home." He continued that they had a great number of friends in Hongkong whom they would be very sorry to leave, but it did not mean a parting for ever. They would probably come back some day and renew old acquaintances. The bridegroom concluded by expressing thanks to a bridesmaid and his old friend, Robin, the best man. (Applause). Coupled with the bridegroom's reply was the customary toast to the bridesmaids which was responded to by Mr. Robin Gordon.

The Presents.

The large array of beautiful presents was much admired, and included the following: From bride's parents to the bride, a cheque, a diamond bracelet, silver, and household linen; from Chinese foreman at Kowloon Dock to the bride, a silver salver; from bridegroom's aunt (Mrs. Sanders) a motor-car; from bridegroom's sister and brother-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. J. Mein-

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected.

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CROWN LAND SALES.

THREE LOTS DISPOSED OF YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Situated between New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1,279 and 1,262, Cheungshawan Road. New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1,297, with an area of approximately 1,152 square feet, was sold by public auction yesterday at the Crown Land Office to Mr. Tsang San for \$1,878.

Mr. Lok Ah Sam was the purchaser of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,292, situated opposite Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,111, Sai Yeung Choi Street, which was sold at the upset price of \$20,808. This lot has an area of approximately 11,560 square feet.

Inland Lot No. 2,982, with an area of approximately 7,760 square feet situated at Wongnei-chung, was sold to Mr. Wong Tui-yuen for \$15,700. The upset price was \$15,500.

FIRE ON ROOF.

BRIEF ALARM IN DES VOEUX ROAD.

Considerable alarm was caused to residents in the vicinity of No. 268, Des Voeux Road Central, yesterday evening, when a fire broke out in the roof of the house.

So far as can be ascertained, there was a small wooden structure erected on the roof, which caught fire, and neighbours were alarmed on seeing smoke and flames emanating therefrom. A telephone message was sent to the Central Fire Station, and the fire brigade arrived promptly on the scene extinguishing the fire after a few minutes of active effort.

The damage was confined to the roof, and was comparatively insignificant.

Austin), a cheque; from Chinese foreman at Kowloon Dock to the bridegroom, a silver cigar and cigarette box; and from Messrs. Eve, Toeg and Priestley, the K. H. Kay and Aitch and Aitch stables, and the Sports Club, a canteen with a salver inscribed—"To the happy and successful start of a happy and successful starter."

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Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Thursday, the 9th January, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday the 6th January, 1930.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 24th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th January at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godown where they will be examined on the 8th January, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be admitted unless notified and/or application for survey made in writing within seven days after landing of the goods, or in any case before the goods are taken delivery of.

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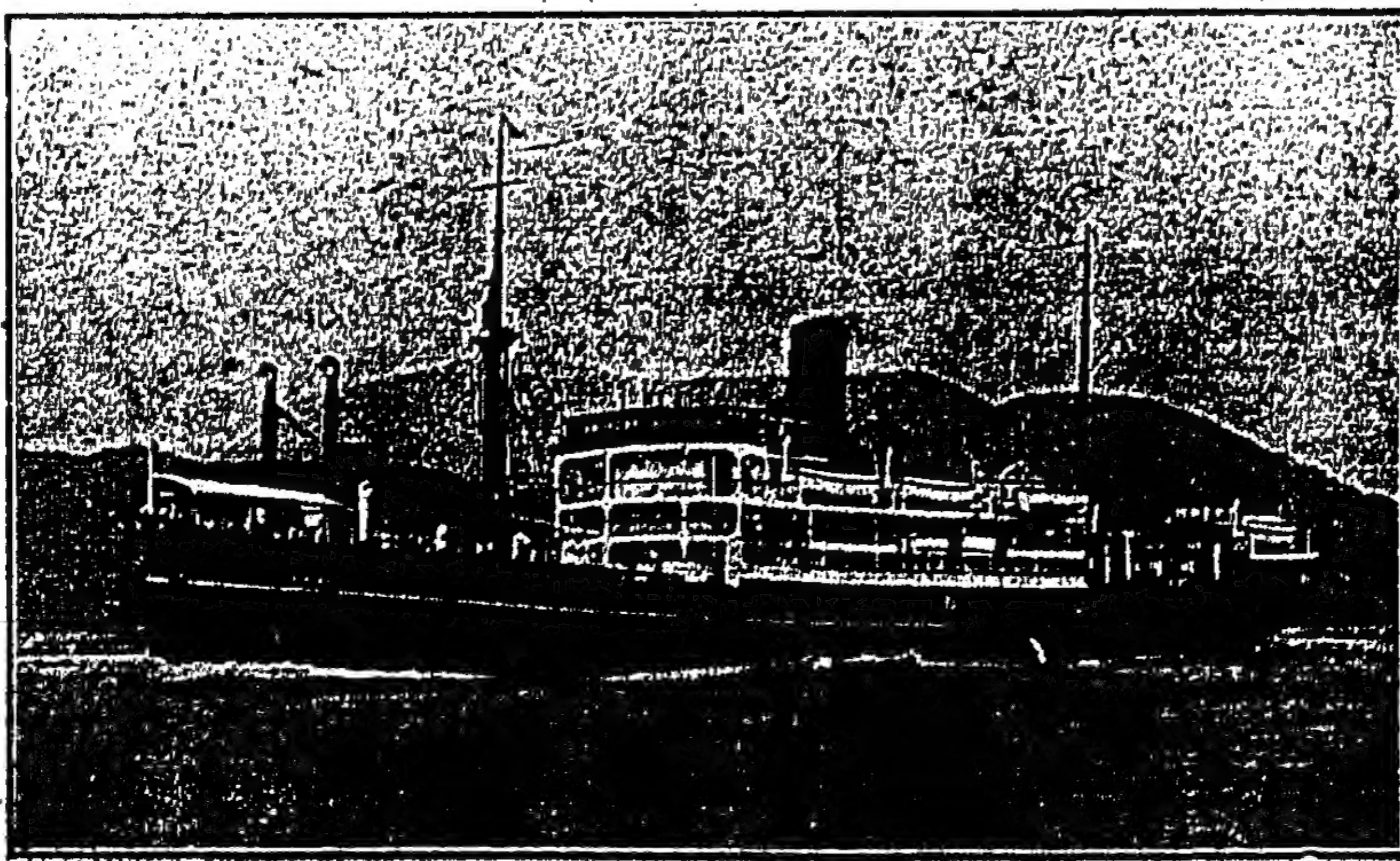
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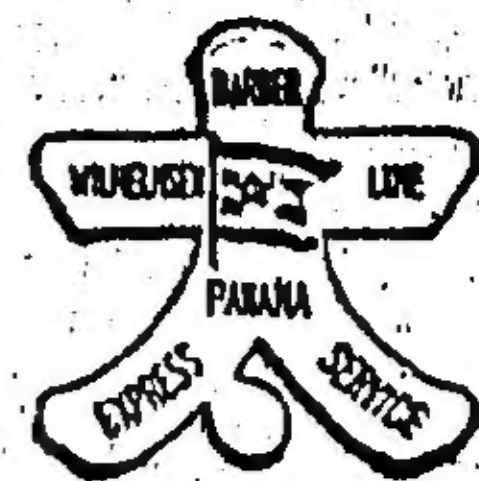


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SHIRALA	7,841	8th Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
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NELLORE	6,853	7 Jan. 5 p.m.	Manila, Osaka & Yok.
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	10 Jan. 4 p.m.	Moji & Kobe
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DIAMOND CASE RESUMED.

QUESTION OF BANK'S
RESPONSIBILITY.

LEGAL ARGUMENT IN COURT
THIS MORNING.

SAFE CUSTODY POINT.

The question of the responsibility of bankers for the safe custody of valuables belonging to their customers was raised by Mr. F. C. Jenkin in the Supreme Court this morning during the resumed hearing of the diamond case.

The action arises out of the mysterious loss of a package of diamonds valued at over £5,000 and alleged to have been shipped from Antwerp to the Hongkong branch of the Banque de l'Indo Chine for delivery to a local traveller, but which were not delivered by the Bank.

The plaintiffs are Louis Kornitzer, Henri N. Gutwirth and Isaac H. Goldberg, diamond merchants, of 49, Rue Coquilhat, Antwerp. They sue the Bank, claiming return of the diamonds or their value in local currency and \$10,000 for detention, the value of lost profit as damages, or the value of the diamonds as damages.

Mr. P. C. Jenkin appears for the plaintiffs and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon are for the defendant Bank.

Authorities Cited.

At this morning's hearing, Mr. Jenkin cited further authorities and on the point of the liability of a banker, said that in the present case there was no question that there was a current account. Counsel said His Lordship would remember that some of the authorities suggested that the fact was known by people that banks had facilities for safeguarding things, that they did this for customers, and that in some cases this was an inducement to customers to make a deposit.

Mr. Jenkin submitted that it would be sufficient for a customer to show that he had knowledge of the fact that the bank did accept parcels of his for safe custody.

Counsel read Mr. Kornitzer's evidence and said the appearance was well founded that the bank knew that he was selling diamonds and that monies paid into his account would be the results of these sales.

The Probabilities.

The probabilities were that the bank would agree to the receipt of registered packages and that they well knew what they contained. It was a very high probability.

Mr. Jenkin pointed out that knowledge of the contents had been pleaded, and he submitted that knowledge of the contents was wholly material.

Sir Henry Gollan said it might be assumed that if packages were handed to a bank for safe custody, they were valuable, inasmuch as it was unlikely that a parcel of old clothes would be handed over for safe custody.

Mr. Jenkin submitted that it was clear that the bank had full knowledge that valuable stones were coming forward in the parcels.

Bank's Knowledge.

Counsel further quoted from Mr. Kornitzer's evidence which was to the effect that the bank knew the packages were to contain diamonds and other precious stones. The bank was told when the first package was received. When the account was opened, the permission of the bank was asked for them to receive packages. Mr. Brock was told of this and when the first package was received, the bank was told that a receipt would be given for that and every subsequent parcel.

Mr. Kornitzer's evidence also showed that he had opened packages in the presence of bank officials and that they always knew the contents.

Manager Not Called.

Mr. Jenkin also quoted from the evidence regarding a tampered package, in which Mr. Kornitzer stated that the parcel was opened in the presence of Mr. Brock and a Portuguese clerk. The former asked Mr. Kornitzer to make sure that the package was intact as regards its contents, and he did so. The diamonds were also shown to the manager.

Counsel said that although it was true, and unfortunate, that both Mr. Brock and the Portuguese clerk were dead, the other man who had seen the diamonds, Mr. Marceau, the manager, had not been called upon to give any evidence at all, either on this or on any other aspect of the case.

Addressing His Lordship on behalf of the defendant, Mr. Potter put the contention that the bank had not at any time accepted the diamonds for safe custody, and stated that the name of the bank

BULGARIA PLEADS POVERTY.

REPARATIONS CONFERENCE
PROGRESS.

ALTERNATIVE PLANS.

The Hague, Jan. 6.
The special committee appointed by the Reparations Conference delegations for the purpose of considering the problems attaching to non-German reparations is getting along very slowly. Bulgaria, like Austria, has pleaded poverty, and has submitted that she is unable to bear heavy reparations.

The drafting committee, therefore, is examining an alternative scheme for Bulgaria.

The Committee dealing with German Reparations and the Young Plan's operation is progressing very satisfactorily. At the moment they are discussing whether Germany should remit payments of reparations at the end of the middle of the month.

The point seems a trivial one, but Germany considers it important for the simple reason that she would lose approximately four and a half millions of gold marks annually in interest if the Conference decided that payments were to be made in the middle of the month.

Discussion is also going on regarding the sanctions in the event of Germany's default.—*Reuter.*

END OF THE TANG REBELLION.

TROOPS TO BE ALLOWED TO
RETREAT TO KANSU.

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
The cessation of civil wars in Honan is announced by Marshal Yen Hsi-shan in a message stating that the Shanai and Nanking forces will permit the retreat of General Tang Seng-chi's troops so that further warfare will be avoided.

Reports are current that General Tang Seng-chi has left for Japan, the country in which he took refuge in 1927, following the dissolution of the Hankow "Red" Government.

Contrary Report.

Hankow, Jan. 7.
A conference of Yen Hsi-shan, Ho Cheng-chun and other Nanking leaders, came to a decision to attack from Chengchow in the near future with the object of subjugating Tang Seng-chi. It is reported that the rebels' lines of communication have been cut at Chumien and that they are retreating towards Jannan with their morale destroyed.—*Reuter.*

COLD WEATHER AT WAICHOW.

SNOWFALL BELIEVED TO BE
GOOD OMEN.

Canton, Jan. 6.
According to a report from Waichow, on the East River, snow fell there on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Not for very many years has Waichow experienced such cold weather; even peanut oil has been frozen.

The villagers in the locality are overjoyed at the sight of snow, believing it to be a good omen for the coming year.—*Canton News Agency.*

SIR MILES LAMPSON.

PASSES THROUGH SHANGHAI
FOR NANKING.

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
The British Minister to China, Sir Miles Lampson, who is paying an official visit to Nanking, passed through to-day. He did not stay in Shanghai but left immediately for Nanking.

It is understood that as soon as the communication on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway is restored to normality, the French Minister will leave for Nanking.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT ILL.

CONDITION CAUSING SOME
ANXIETY.

Washington, Jan. 6.
William Howard Taft, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and former President, has been taken to hospital seriously ill. His condition gives rise to some anxiety.

He is seventy-two years of age.—*Reuter's American Service.*

had been used by plaintiff merely for correspondence purposes.

Mr. Potter proceeded to quote a number of judgments on the subject of safe custody.

ROYAL WEDDING FESTIVITIES.

DUKE OF YORK JOINS A
SHOOTING PARTY.

ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS
AGAINST OUTRAGE.

NO FLYING PERMITTED.

Rome, Jan. 7.

With the attempted assassination of Prince Humbert at Brussels in mind, elaborate precautions are being taken to prevent the possibility of an anti-Fascist outrage during the Royal Wedding festivities.

The most stringent regulations have been enforced, the most remarkable being an order stopping all flying in Italy during the period of the celebrations. The order applies to all parts of Italy and has been designed lest bombs should be dropped from the air.

Luggage Searches.

All people arriving in Rome in motor-cars are thoroughly searched and all luggage is subjected to a very close examination.

Prince Humbert and Princess Marie Jose are to be married on Wednesday and they participated to-day in a shooting party at the King's hunting lodge, the Castel Porziano, the other members including the King of Italy, the King of the Belgians, the King of Bulgaria, the Duke of York, and other Princes and Princesses from all over the world, all gathered in Rome for the wedding.

Good Bags on Hunting Trip.

The whole party motored out with special escort in brilliant sunshine early this morning and spent the whole day in shooting.

Most of the sportsmen made good bags of wild deer, hare, etc.

The Duke of York was credited with a particularly fine bag.

Rome a City of Light.

The city of Rome is being flooded with light every night during the wedding celebrations. The great fountains have been illuminated and present a startlingly beautiful picture while they are playing. Ordinary street-light has been increased at least four-fold, while multi-coloured searchlights adorn the trees in the vicinity of Quirinal Palace.

Gorgeous Reception.

The most brilliant ceremony yet held in connexion with the Italian Royal Wedding was held at Quirinal Palace this evening, where Their Majesties the King and Queen of Italy gave a Reception for the Royal Visitors.

Diplomats, courtiers, high officials of State, members of the Cabinet, the Fascist Grand Councilors, representatives of the Services and the arts and sciences, and distinguished people of all descriptions were among the concourse.

The scene was gorgeous, providing one of the greatest displays of colourful uniforms, wonderful dresses and priceless jewellery ever seen in the Palace.—*Reuter.*

Duke of York's Arrival.

London, Jan. 6.
The Duke of York, who will represent the King at the wedding of Princess Marie Jose of Belgium to the Crown Prince of Italy, arrived in Rome last night accompanied by Admiral Brooke. The Duke was met at the station by Sir Ronald Graham, the British Ambassador to the Quirinal, and the entire staff of the British Embassy. After greetings had been exchanged, he drove to the British Embassy, where he will stay during his short visit to Rome.—*British Wireless.*

ANGLO-DUTCH TEA OUTPUT.

REPORTED AGREEMENT FOR
RESTRICTION.

London, Jan. 6.
The *Financial Times* publishes a message from its correspondent in Amsterdam stating that "there is every reason to believe that an agreement on a joint policy of restriction in output between English and Dutch tea-growers has been reached as the result of negotiations in Amsterdam."

The negotiations were carried on between the Committee of the Association for Tea Culture in the Dutch Indies, and representatives of the Tea Section of the British Chamber of Commerce, which is the Dutch Association's representative in England.—*Reuter.*

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